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"What Would Jesus Do?"

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Sunday morning dawned again on Raymond and Henry Maxwell's church was again crowded. Before the service began Edward Norman attracted general attention. He sat quietly in his usual place about three seats from the pulpit. The Sunday morning issue of The News containing the statement of its discontinuance had been read by nearly every man in the house. The announcement had been expressed in such remarkable language that every reader was struck by it. No such series of distinct sensations had ever disturbed the usual business custom of Raymond. The events connected with The News were not all. People were eagerly talking about the strange things done during the week by Alexander Powers at the railroad shops and by Milton Wright in his stores on the avenue. The service progressed upon a distinct wave of excitement in the pews. Henry Maxwell faced it all with a calmness which indicated a strength and purpose more than usual. His prayers were very helpful. His sermon was not so easy to describe. How would a minister be apt to preach to his people if he came before them after an entire week of eager asking "How would Jesus preach? What would he probably say?" It is very certain that Henry Maxwell did not preach as he had done two Sundays before. Tuesday of the past week he had stood by the grave of the dead stranger and said the words, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," and still he was moved by the spirit of a deeper impulse than he could measure as he thought of his people and yearned for the Christ message when he should be in his pulpit again.

Now that Sunday had come and the people were there to hear what would the Master tell them? He agonized over his preparation for them and yet he knew he had not been able to fit his message into his ideal of the Christ. Nevertheless no one in the First church could remember hearing such a sermon before. There was in it rebuke for sin, especially hypocrisy; there was definite rebuke of the greed of wealth and the selfishness of fashion, two things that First church never heard rebuked this way before, and there was a love of his people that gathered new force as the sermon went on. When it was finished there were those who were saying in their hearts, "The Spirit moved that sermon." And they were right.

Then Rachel Winslow rose to sing, this time after the sermon by Henry Maxwell's request. Rachel's singing did not provoke applause this time. What deeper feeling carried people's hearts into a reverent silence and tenderness of thought? Rachel was beautiful, but the consciousness of her remarkable loveliness had always marred her singing with those who had the deepest spiritual feeling. It had also marred her rendering of certain kinds of music with herself. Today this was all gone. There was no lack of power in her grand voice, but there was an actual added element of humility and purity which the audience strictly felt and bowed to.

Before the service closed Henry Maxwell asked those who had remained the week before to stay again for a few moments for consultation and any others who were willing to make the pledge taken at that time. When he was at liberty he went into the lecture room. To his astonishment it was almost filled. This time a large proportion of young people had come, but among them were a few business men and officers of the church.

As before Henry Maxwell asked them to pray with him, and as before a distinct answer came in the presence of the Divine Spirit. There was no doubt in the minds of any one present that what they proposed to do was so clearly in line with the Divine will that a blessing rested on it in a very special manner.

They remained some time to ask questions and consult together. There was a feeling of fellowship such as they had never known in their church membership. Edward Norman's action was well understood by them all, and he answered several questions.

"What will be the probable result of your discontinuance of the Sunday paper?" asked Alexander Powers, who sat next to him.

"I don't know yet. I presume it will result in a falling off of subscription and advertisements. I anticipate that."

"Do you have any doubts about your action? I mean do you regret it or fear it is not what Jesus would do?" asked Henry Maxwell.

"Not in the least. But I would like to ask for my own satisfaction if any one of you here thinks Jesus would issue a Sunday morning paper?"

No one spoke for a minute. Then Jasper Chase said, "We seem to think alike on that, but I have been puzzled several times during the week to know just what he would do. It is not always an easy question to answer."

"I find that trouble," said Virginia Page. She sat by Rachel Winslow. Every one knew who Virginia Page was, wondering how she would succeed in keeping her promise.

"I think perhaps I find it specially difficult to answer the question on account of my money. Jesus never owned any property, and there is nothing in his example to guide me in the use of mine. I am studying and praying. I think I see clearly a part of what he would do, but not all. 'What would Jesus do with a million dollars?' is my question really. I confess that I am not yet able to answer it to my satisfaction."

"I could tell you what to do with a part of it," said Rachel, turning her face toward Virginia.

"That does not trouble me," replied Virginia with a slight smile. "What I am trying to discover is a principle of Jesus that will enable me to come the nearest possible to his action as it ought to influence the entire course of my life so far as my wealth and its use are concerned."

"That will take time," said Henry Maxwell slowly. All the rest in the room were thinking hard of the same thing. Milton Wright told something of his experience. He was gradually working out a plan for his business relations with his employees, and it was opening up a new world to him and them. A few of the younger men told of special attempts to answer the question.

There was almost general consent over the fact that the application of the Jesus spirit and practice to every day life was the serious thing. It required a knowledge of him and an insight into his motives that most of them did not yet possess.

When they finally adjourned after a silent prayer that marked with growing power the Divine presence, they went away discussing earnestly their difficulties and seeking light from one another.

Rachel Winslow and Virginia Page went out together. Edward Norman and Milton Wright became so interested in their mutual conference that they walked on past Norman's home and came back together. Jasper Chase and the president of the Endeavor society stood talking earnestly in one corner of the room. Alexander Powers and Henry Maxwell remained even after all the others had gone.

"I want you to come down to the shops tomorrow and see my plan and talk to the men. Somehow I feel as if you could get nearer to them than any one else just now."

"I don't know about that, but I will come," replied Henry Maxwell a little sadly. How was he fitted to stand before 200 or 300 workingmen and give them a message? Yet in the movement of his weakness as he asked the question he rebuked himself for it. What would Jesus do? That was an end to the discussion.

He went down the next day and found Alexander Powers in his office. It lacked a few minutes of 12, and the superintendent said, "Come up stairs and I'll show you what I've been trying to do."

They went through the machine shops, climbed a long flight of stairs and entered a very large empty room. It had once been used by the company for a storeroom.

"Since making that promise a week ago I have had a good many things to think of," said the superintendent, "and among them is this: Our company gives me the use of this room, and I am going to fit it up with tables and a coffee plant in the corner there where those steam pipes are. My plan is to provide a good place where the men can come up and eat their noon lunch and give them two or three times a week the privilege of a 15 minutes' talk on some subject that will be a real help to them in their lives."

Maxwell looked surprised and asked if the men would come for any such purpose.

"Yes, they'll come. After all I know the men pretty well. They are among the most intelligent workingmen in the country today, but they are as a whole entirely removed from all church influence. I asked, 'What would Jesus do?' and among other things it seemed to me he would begin to act in some way to add to the lives of these men more physical and spiritual comfort. It is a very little thing, this room and what it represents, but I acted on the first impulse to do the first thing that appealed to my good sense, and I want to work out this idea. I want you to speak to the men when they come up at noon. I have asked them to come up and see the place, and I'll tell them something about it."

Henry Maxwell was ashamed to say how uneasy he felt at being asked to speak a few words to a company of workingmen. How could he speak without notes or to such a crowd? He was honestly in a condition of genuine fright over the prospect. He actually felt afraid of facing these men. He shrank from the ordeal of confronting such a crowd, so different from the Sunday audiences he was familiar with.

There were half a dozen long rude tables and benches in the great room, and when the noon whistle sounded the men poured up stairs from the machine shops below and, seating themselves at the tables, began to eat their lunch. There were perhaps 300 of them. They had read the superintendent's notice which he had posted up in various places, and came largely out of curiosity.

They were favorably impressed. The room was large and airy, free from smoke and dust and well warmed from the steam pipes.

About 20 minutes of 1 Alexander Powers told the men what he had in mind. He spoke very simply, like one who understands thoroughly the character of his audience, and then introduced the Rev. Henry Maxwell of the First church, his pastor, who had consented to speak a few minutes.

Henry Maxwell will never forget the feelings with which for the first time he confronted that grimy faced audience of workingmen. Like hundreds of other ministers he had never spoken to any gathering except those made up of people of his own class in the sense that they were familiar in their dress and education and habits to him. This was a new world to him, and nothing but his new rule of conduct could have made possible his message and its effect. He spoke on the subject of satisfaction with life, what caused it, what its real sources were. He had the great good sense on this first appearance not to recognize the men as a class distinct from himself. He did not use the term "workingmen" and did not say a word to suggest any difference between their lives and his own.

The men were pleased. A good many of them shook hands with him before going down to their work, and Henry Maxwell, telling it all to his wife when he reached home, said that never in all his life had he known the delight he then felt in having a handshake from a man of physical labor. The day marked an important one in his Christian experience, more important than he knew. It was the beginning of a fellowship between him and the working world. It was the first plank laid down to help bridge the chasm between the church and labor in Raymond.

Alexander Powers went back to his desk that afternoon much pleased with his plan and seeing much help in it for the men. He knew where he could get some good tables from an abandoned eating house at one of the stations down the road, and he saw how the coffee arrangement could be made a very attractive feature. The men had responded even better than he anticipated, and the whole thing could not help being a great benefit to them.

He took up the routine of his work with a glow of satisfaction. After all he wanted to do as Jesus would, he said to himself.

It was nearly 4 o'clock when he opened one of the company's long envelopes which he supposed contained orders for the purchasing of stores. He ran over the first page of typewritten matter in his usual quick, business-like manner before he saw that he was reading what was not intended for his office, but for the superintendent of the freight department.

He turned over a page mechanically, not meaning to read what was not addressed to him, but before he knew it he was in possession of evidence which conclusively proved that the company was engaged in a systematic violation of the interstate commerce laws of the United States. It was as distinct and unequivocal breaking of law as if a private citizen should enter a house and rob the inmates. The discrimination shown in rebates was in total contempt of all the statutes. Under the laws of the state it was also a distinct violation of certain provisions recently passed by the legislature to prevent railroad trusts. There was no question that he held in his hand evidence sufficient to convict the company of willful, intelligent violation of the law of the commission and the law of the state also.

He dropped the papers on his desk as if they were poison, and instantly the question flashed across his mind, "What would Jesus do?" He tried to shut the question out. He tried to reason with himself by saying it was none of his business. He had supposed in a more or less indefinite way, as did nearly all of the officers of the company, that this had been going on right along in nearly all the roads. He was not in a position, owing to his place in the shops, to prove anything direct, and he had regarded it all as a matter which did not concern him at all. The papers now before him revealed the entire affair. They had through some carelessness in the address come into his hands. What business of his was it? If he saw a man entering his neighbor's house to steal, would it not be his duty to inform the officers of the law? Was a railroad company such a different thing? Was it under a different rule of conduct, so that it could rob the public and defy law and be undisturbed because it was such a great organization? What would Jesus do?

Then there was his family. Of course if he took any steps to inform the commission it would mean the loss of his position. His wife and daughters had always enjoyed luxury and a good place in society. If he came out against this lawlessness as a witness, it would drag him into courts, his motives would be misunderstood, and the whole thing would end in his disgrace and the loss of his position. Surely it was none of his business. He could easily get the papers back to the freight department, and no one be the wiser. Let the iniquity go on. Let the law be defied. What was it to him? He would work out his plans for bettering the conditions just about him. What more could a man do in this railroad business, where there was so much going on anyway that made it impossible to live by the Christian standard? But what would Jesus do if he knew the facts? That was the question that confronted Alexander Powers as the day wore into evening.

The lights in the office had been turned on. The whir of the great engine and the crash of the planer in the big shop continued until 6 o'clock. Then the whistle blew, the engines slowed down, and the men dropped their tools and ran for the blockhouse.

Alexander Powers heard the familiar click, click of the blocks as the men filed past the window of the blockhouse just outside. He said to his clerks, "I'm not going just yet. I have something extra tonight." He waited until he heard the last man deposit his block. The men behind the block case went out. The engineer and his assistants had work for half an hour, but they went out at another door.

At 7 o'clock that evening any one who had looked into the superintendent's office would have seen an unusual sight. He was kneeling down, and his face was buried in his hands as he bowed his head upon the papers on his desk.

CHAPTER III.

If any man cometh unto me and hateth not his own father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. * * * And whosoever forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

When Rachel Winslow and Virginia Page separated after the meeting at the First church on Sunday, they agreed to continue their conversation the next day. Virginia asked Rachel to come and lunch with her at noon, and Rachel accordingly rang the bell at the Page mansion about half past 11. Virginia herself met her, and the two were soon talking earnestly.

"The fact is," Rachel was saying after they had been talking a few minutes, "I cannot reconcile it with my judgment of what he would do. I cannot tell another person what to do, but I feel that I ought not to accept this offer."

"What will you do then?" asked Virginia with great interest.

"I don't know yet, but I have decided to refuse this offer."

Rachel picked up a letter that had been lying in her lap and ran over its contents again. It was a letter from the manager of a comic opera offering her a place with a large traveling company for the season. The salary was a very large figure, and the prospect held out by the manager was flattering. He had heard Rachel sing that Sunday morning when the stranger had interrupted the service. He had been much impressed. There was money in that voice, and it ought to be used in comic opera, so said the letter, and the manager wanted a reply as soon as possible.

"There's no virtue in saying 'No' to this offer when I have the other one," Rachel went on thoughtfully. "That's harder to decide, but I've made up my mind. To tell the truth, Virginia, I'm completely convinced in the first case that Jesus would never use any talent like a good voice just to make money. But, now, take this concert offer. Here is a reputable company to travel with an impersonator and a violinist and a male quartet, all people of good reputation. I'm asked to go as one of the company and sing leading soprano. The salary (I mentioned it, didn't I?) is to be guaranteed—$200 a month for the season. But I don't feel satisfied that Jesus would go. What do you think?"

"You mustn't ask me to decide for you," replied Virginia with a sad smile. "I believe Mr. Maxwell was right when he said we must each one of us decide according to the judgment we felt for ourselves to be Christlike. I am having a harder time than you are, dear, to decide what he would do."

"Are you?" Rachel asked. She rose and walked over to the window and looked out. Virginia came and stood by her. The street was crowded with life, and the two young women looked at it silently for a moment. Suddenly Virginia broke out as Rachel had never heard her before:

"Rachel, what does all this contrast in conditions mean to you as you ask this question of what Jesus would do? It maddens me to think that the society in which I have been brought up, the same to which we are both said to belong, is satisfied year after year to go on dressing and eating and having a good time, giving and receiving entertainments, spending its money on houses and luxuries and occasionally, to ease its conscience, donating, without any personal sacrifice, a little money to charity. I have been educated, as you have, in one of the most expensive schools of America, launched into society as an heiress, supposed to be in a very enviable position. I'm perfectly well. I can travel or stay at home. I can do as I please. I can gratify almost any want or desire, and yet when I honestly try to imagine Jesus living the life I have lived and am expected to live and doing for the rest of my life what thousands of other rich people do, I am under condemnation for being one of the most wicked, selfish, useless creatures in the world. I have not looked out of this window for weeks without a feeling of horror toward myself as I see the humanity that pours by this house."

Virginia turned away and walked up and down the room. Rachel watched her and could not repress the rising tide of her own growing definition of discipleship. Of what Christian use was her own talent of song? Was the best she could do to sell her talent for so much a month, go on a concert company's tour, dress beautifully, enjoy the excitement of public applause and gain a reputation as a great singer? Was that what Jesus would do?

She was not morbid. She was in sound health, was conscious of great powers as a singer and knew that if she went out into public life she could make a great deal of money and become well known. It is doubtful if she over estimated her ability to accomplish all she thought herself capable of. And Virginia—what she had just said smote Rachel with great force because of the similar position in which the two friends found themselves.

Lunch was announced, and they went out and were joined by Virginia's grandmother, Mme. Page, a handsome, stately woman of 65, and Virginia's brother, Rollin, a young man who spent most of his time at one of the clubs and had no particular ambition for anything but a growing admiration for Rachel Winslow, and whenever she dined or lunched at the Page mansion if he knew of it he always planned to be at home.

These three made up the Page family. Virginia's father had been a banker and grain speculator. Her mother had died ten years before, her father within the past year. The grandmother, a southern woman in birth and training, had all the traditions and feelings that accompany the possession of wealth and social standing that have never been disturbed. She was a shrewd, careful business woman of more than average ability. The family property and wealth were invested in large measure under her personal care. Virginia's portion was without any restriction her own. She had been trained by her father to understand the ways of the business world, and even the grandmother had been compelled to acknowledge the girl's capacity for taking care of her own money.

Perhaps two persons could not be found anywhere less capable of understanding a girl like Virginia than Mme. Page and Rollin. Rachel, who had known the family since she was a girl playmate of Virginia's, could not help thinking of what confronted Virginia in her own home when she once decided on the course which she honestly believed Jesus would take. Today at lunch, as she recalled Virginia's outbreak in the front room, she tried to picture the scene that would at some time occur between Mme. Page and her granddaughter.

"I understand that you are going on the stage, Miss Winslow. We shall all be delighted, I'm sure," said Rollin during one of the pauses in the conversation, which had not been animated.

Rachel colored and felt annoyed.

"Who told you?" she asked, while Virginia, who had been very silent and reserved, suddenly roused herself and appeared ready to join in the talk.

"Oh, we hear a thing or two on the street. Besides, every one saw Crandall, the manager, at church two weeks ago. He doesn't go to church to hear the preaching. In fact, I know other people who don't either, not when there's something better to hear."

Rachel did not color this time, but she answered quietly:

"You're mistaken. I'm not going on the stage."

"It's a great pity. You'd make a hit. Everybody is talking about your singing."

This time Rachel flushed with genuine anger.

Before she could say anything Virginia broke in:

"Whom do you mean by 'everybody'?"

"Whom? I mean all the people who hear Miss Winslow on Sunday. What other time do they hear her? It's a great pity, I say, that the general public outside of Raymond cannot hear her voice."

"Let us talk about something else," said Rachel a little sharply. Mme. Page glanced at her and spoke with a gentle courtesy:

"My dear, Rollin never could pay an indirect compliment. He is like his father in that. But we are all curious to know something of your plans. We claim the right from old acquaintance, you know. And Virginia had already told us of your concert company offer."

"I supposed of course that was public property," said Virginia, smiling across the table. "It was in The News yesterday."

"Yes, yes," replied Rachel hastily. "I understand that, Mme. Page. Well, Virginia and I have been talking about it. I have decided not to accept, and that is as far as I have gone yet."

Rachel was conscious of the fact that the conversation had up to this point been narrowing her hesitation concerning the company's offer down to a decision that would absolutely satisfy her own judgment of Jesus' probable action. It had been the last thing in the world, however, that she had desired to have her decision made in any way so public as this. Somehow what Rollin Page had said and his manner in saying it had hastened her judgment in the matter.

"Would you mind telling us, Rachel, your reasons for refusing the offer? It looks like a good opportunity for a young girl like you. Don't you think the general public ought to hear you? I feel like Rollin about that. A voice like yours belongs to a larger audience than Raymond and the First church."

Rachel Winslow was naturally a girl of great reserve. She shrank from making her plans or her thoughts public. But with all her repression there was possible in her an occasional sudden breaking out that was simply an impulsive, thoughtful, frank, truthful expression of her most inner personal feeling. She spoke now in reply to Mme. Page in one of those rare moments of unreserve that added to the attractiveness of her whole character.

"I have no other reason than a conviction that Jesus would do the same thing," she said, looking into Mme. Page's eyes with a clear, earnest gaze.

Mme. Page turned red, and Rollin stared. Before her grandmother could say anything Virginia spoke. Her rising color showed how she was stirred. Virginia's pale, clear complexion was that of health, but it was generally in marked contrast to Rachel's tropical type of beauty.

"Grandmother, you know we promised to make that the standard of our conduct for a year. Mr. Maxwell's proposition was plain to all who heard it. We have not been able to arrive at our decisions very rapidly. The difficulty in knowing what Jesus would do has perplexed Rachel and me a good deal."

Mme. Page looked sharply at Virginia before she said anything.

"Of course I understand Mr. Maxwell's statement. It is perfectly impracticable to put it into practice. I felt confident at the time that those who promised would find it out after a trial and abandon it as visionary and absurd. I have nothing to say about Miss Winslow's affairs, but"—she paused and continued with a sharpness that was new to Rachel—"I hope you have no foolish notions in this matter, Virginia."

"I have a great many notions," replied Virginia quietly. "Whether they are foolish or not depends upon my right understanding of what he would do. As soon as I find out I shall do it."

"Excuse me, ladies," said Rollin, rising from the table. "The conversation is getting beyond my depth. I shall retire to the library for a cigar."

He went out of the dining room, and there was silence for a moment. Mme. Page waited until the servant had brought in something and then asked her to go out. She was angry, and her anger was formidable, although checked in some measure by the presence of Rachel.

"I am older by several years than you young ladies," she said, and her traditional type of bearing seemed to Rachel to rise up like a great frozen wall between her and every conception of Jesus as a sufferer. "What you have promised in a spirit of false emotion I presume is impossible of performance."

"Do you mean, grandmother, that we cannot possibly act as Jesus would, or do you mean that if we try to we shall offend the customs and prejudices of society?" asked Virginia.

"It is not required. It is not necessary. Besides, how can you act with any—"

Mme. Page paused, broke off her sentence and then turned to Rachel.

"What will your mother say to your decision? My dear, is it not foolish? What do you expect to do with your voice anyway?"

"I don't know what mother will say yet," Rachel answered with a great shrinking from trying to give her mother's probable answer. If there was a woman in all Raymond with great ambitions for her daughter's success as a singer, Mrs. Winslow was that woman.

"Oh, you will see it in a different light after wise thought of it! My dear," continued Mme. Page, rising from the table, "you will live to regret it if you do not accept the concert company's offer or something like it."

Rachel said something that contained a hint of the struggle she was still having, and after a little she went away, feeling that her departure was to be followed by a painful conversation between Virginia and her grandmother. As she afterward learned, Virginia passed through a crisis of feeling during that scene with her grandmother that hastened her final decision as to the use of her money and her social position.

Rachel was glad to escape and be by herself. A plan was slowly forming in her mind, and she wanted to be alone to think it out carefully. But before she had walked two blocks she was annoyed to find Rollin Page walking beside her.

"Sorry to disturb your thoughts, Miss Winslow, but I happened to be going your way and had an idea you might not object. In fact, I've been walking here for a whole block and you haven't objected."

"I did not see you," replied Rachel.

"I wouldn't mind that if you only thought of me once in awhile," said Rollin suddenly. He took one last nervous puff of his cigar, tossed it into the street and walked along with a pale face.

Rachel was surprised, but not startled. She had known Rollin as a boy, and there had been a time when they had used each other's first name familiarly. Lately, however, something in Rachel's manner had put an end to that. She was used to his direct attempts at compliment and was sometimes amused by them. Today she honestly wished him anywhere else.

"Do you ever think of me, Miss Winslow?" asked Rollin after a pause.

"Oh, yes, quite often!" said Rachel with a smile.

"Are you thinking of me now?"

"Yes; that is—yes, I am."

"What?"

"Do you want me to be absolutely truthful?"

"Of course."

"Then I was thinking that I wished you were not here."

Rollin bit his lip and looked gloomy. Rachel had not spoken anything as he wished.

"Now, look here, Rachel—oh, I know that's forbidden, but I've got to speak some time—you know how I feel. What makes you treat me so hard? You used to like me a little, you know."

"Did I? Of course we used to get on very well as boy and girl, but we are older now."

Rachel still spoke in the light, easy way she had used since her first annoyance at seeing him. She was still somewhat preoccupied with her plan, which had been disturbed by Rollin's appearance.

They walked along in silence a little way. The avenue was full of people. Among the persons passing was Jasper Chase. He saw Rachel and Rollin and bowed as he went by. Rollin was watching Rachel closely.

"I wish I were Jasper Chase. Maybe I'd stand some show then," he said moodily.

Rachel colored in spite of herself. She did not say anything and quickened her pace a little. Rollin seemed determined to say something, and Rachel seemed helpless to prevent him. After all, she thought, he might as well know the truth one time as another.

"You know well enough, Rachel, how I feel toward you. Isn't there any hope? I could make you happy. I've loved you a good many years—"

"Why, how old do you think I am?" broke in Rachel with a nervous laugh. She was shaken out of her usual poise of manner.

"You know what I mean," went on Rollin doggedly, "and you have no right to laugh at me just because I want you to marry me."

"I'm not, but it is useless for you to speak, Rollin," said Rachel after a little hesitation and then using his name in such a frank, simple way that he could attach no meaning to it beyond the familiarity of the family acquaintance. "It is impossible." She was still a little agitated by the fact of receiving a proposal of marriage on the avenue, but the noise on the street and sidewalk made the conversation as private as if they were in the house.

"Would you—that is—do you think—if you gave me time I would—"

"No!" said Rachel. She spoke firmly; perhaps, she thought afterward, although she did not mean to, she spoke harshly.

They walked on for some time without a word. They were nearing Rachel's home, and she was anxious to end the scene.

As they turned off the avenue into one of the quieter streets Rollin spoke suddenly and with more manliness than he had yet shown. There was a distinct note of dignity in his voice that was new to Rachel.

"Miss Winslow, I ask you to be my wife. Is there any hope for me that you will ever consent?"

"None in the least." Rachel spoke decidedly.

"Will you tell me why?" He asked the question as if he had a right to a truthful answer.

"I do not feel toward you as a woman ought to feel toward the man she ought to marry."

"In other words, you do not love me?"

"I do not, and I cannot."

"Why?" That was another question, and Rachel was a little surprised that he should ask it.

"Because—" She hesitated for fear she might say too much in an attempt to speak the exact truth.

"Tell me just why. You can't hurt me more than you have done already."

"Well, I do not and can't love you because you have no purpose in life. What do you ever do to make the world better? You spend your time in club life, in amusements, in travel, in luxury. What is there in such a life to attract a woman?"

"Not much, I guess," said Rollin with a bitter laugh. "Still I don't know that I'm any worse than the rest of the men around me. I'm not so bad as some. Glad to know your reason."

He suddenly stopped, took off his hat, bowed gravely and turned back. Rachel went on home and hurried into her room, disturbed in many ways by the event which had so unexpectedly thrust itself into her experience.

When she had time to think it all over she found herself condemned by the very judgment she had passed on Rollin Page. What purpose had she in life? She had been abroad and studied music with one of the famous teachers of Europe. She had come home to Raymond and had been singing in the First church choir now for a year. She was well paid. Up to that Sunday two weeks ago she had been quite satisfied with herself and with her position. She had shared her mother's ambition and anticipated growing triumphs in the musical world. What possible career was before her except the regular career of every singer?

She asked herself the question again and, in the light of her recent reply to Rollin, asked again if she had any great purpose in life herself. What would Jesus do? There was a fortune in her voice. She knew it, not necessarily as a matter of personal pride or professional egotism, but simply as a fact. And she was obliged to acknowledge that until two weeks ago she had purposed to use her voice to make money and win admiration and applause. Was that a much higher purpose, after all, than Rollin Page lived for?

She sat in her room a long time and finally went down stairs, resolved to have a frank talk with her mother about the concert company's offer and her new plan, which was gradually shaping in her mind. She had already had one talk with her mother and knew that she expected Rachel to accept the offer and enter on a successful career as a public singer.

"Mother," Rachel said, coming at once to the point, as much as she dreaded the interview, "I have decided not to go out with the company. I have a good reason for it."

Mrs. Winslow was a large, handsome woman, fond of much company, ambitious for a distinct place in society and devoted, according to her definitions of success, to the success of her children. Her youngest boy, Louis, ten years younger than Rachel, was ready to graduate from a military academy in the summer. Meanwhile she and Rachel were at home together. Rachel's father, like Virginia's, had died while the family were abroad. Like Virginia, she found herself, under her present rule of conduct, in complete antagonism with her own immediate home circle.

Mrs. Winslow waited for Rachel to go on.

"You know the promise I made two weeks ago, mother?"

"Mr. Maxwell's promise?"

"No, mine. You know what it was, mother?"

"I suppose I do. Of course all the church members mean to imitate Christ and follow him as far as is consistent with our present day surroundings. But what has that to do with your decision in the concert company matter?"

"It has everything to do with it. After asking 'What would Jesus do?' and going to the source of authority for wisdom I have been obliged to say that I do not believe he would in my case make that use of my voice."

"Why? Is there anything wrong about such a career?"

"No, I don't know that I can say there is."

"Do you presume to sit in judgment on other people who go out to sing in this way? Do you presume to say that they are doing what Christ would not do?"

"Mother, I wish you to understand me. I judge no one else. I condemn no other professional singers. I simply decide my own course. As I look at it, I have a conviction that Jesus would do something else."

"What else?" Mrs. Winslow had not yet lost her temper. She did not understand the situation or Rachel in the midst of it, but she was anxious that her daughter's career should be as distinguished as her natural gifts promised, and she felt confident that when the present unusual religious excitement in the First church had passed away Rachel would go on with her public life according to the wishes of the family. She was totally unprepared for Rachel's next remark.

"What? Something that will serve mankind where it most needs the service of song. Mother, I have made up my mind to use my voice in some way so as to satisfy my soul that I am doing something better than pleasing fashionable audiences or making money or even gratifying my own love of singing. I am going to do something that will satisfy me when I ask, 'What would Jesus do?' I am not satisfied and cannot be when I think of myself as singing myself into the career of a concert company performer."

Rachel spoke with a vigor and earnestness that surprised her mother. Mrs. Winslow was angry now, and she never tried to conceal her feelings.

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The Scientific American states that Dr Felix Lange of Munich Germany has invented an apparatus whereby he is enabled to take an accurate photograph of the stomach

The action of the court at Rennes France, last Saturday in pronouncing Capt. Dreyfus guilty of high treason will have a tendency to ruin the Paris exposition next year, as reports of threatened boycotting of the fair are heard on all sides.

As a pointer to Atkinson and his followers, who are the Valandinghams of the age, why, if they believe Aguinaldo is such a patriot, don t they imitate the example of Lafayette and go to the Philippines and assist in fighting his battles. They certainly can be spared.

The new rules introduced at the late Republican State convention are making even hide-bound machine men sick at the stomach. One more such dose and ex Senator Quay might just as well go a fishing and stay there for all the following he would have Let the good work continue. Their own medicine will make whales of all of them yet. Quay will prove a veritable emetic.

It is currently reported that M S Quay, while up in Canada fishing during the G. A. R reunion at Philadelphia, was just in the act of spitting on his bait when word was telegraphed to him that President McKinley was taking tea with John Wanamaker The boss never waited to do up his fishing tackle, but threw it down in disgust and hurried cross lots to the station and took the first train for Philadelphia. It was too bad to thus break in on his senatorial duties

The Republican county committee met at the St. James Hotel, Bradford, last Saturday afternoon Headquarters have been established in the Rosenberg building Edmund L. Ryan of Kane will act as secretary and extend the glad hand of welcome Chairman Mason appointed the following gentlemen as an executive committee Fred H. Miller and J. L. Andrews of Bradford, Alfred Evans of Kane, T H. Walker of Rew City and G B Mayo of this place The county committee gave most favorable reports of the situation in the county

While the United States Government would not be justified in remonstrating with France over the unjust treatment by that nation of Captain Dreyfus, the people of the United States have it in their power to show France how utterly they abhor her brutality towards one whom the world honestly believes to be an honest man by remaining away from the soil of a nation which has so little conception of fairness and justice. Do not attend the exposition at Paris next year or until France has attempted to right the grievous wrong her army officers have been allowed to perform upon a brave and innocent man

Nobody can longer doubt the efficacy of the Dingley tariff law as a revenue producer. It was originally intended that it should produce at least one half of the ordinary revenues, which averaged before the war expenditures began, one million dollars per day, and no additions for war expenses were made to it except the tea duty which brings less than a million dollars a month. Yet the receipts under it since March 1st have been $103 000 000 or an average of almost $700 000 a day, instead of the $500 000 per day expected of it. During the same period of the existence of the lamented Wilson law the customs receipts were $75 000 000 or less than three fourths of the present law in a like term

Brother Lillibridge of the Reporter, in a very long editorial makes a great kick about the admission of Philippine laborers to this country The Reporter seems to forget that farmers out west are offering three and four dollars per day and cannot get help at that price Don t worry Mr. Lillibridge, those Philippine Islanders have been brought up in too much ease to ever come over here and compete with American labor When a breech-clout answers the purpose of a dress suit and a club thrown into the top of a cocoanut tree will bring down a dinner that satisfies their appetites there is no danger of their coming to this country to sweat and toil Furthermore we have a certain remedy that is as effectual as rough on rats, and if put in use you could not induce a Filipino to even look this way All that would be necessary would be to elect Grover Cleveland president and give the Democrats full power. Don't borrow trouble over the Philippines.

And now Queen Victoria claims to be a lineal descendant of King David, who it is reported in his early youth had a slight difficulty with a Philistine by the name of Goliath of Gath Well if one must have a family tree it might as well be a good one, and have its roots run so far back that no living person will be able to question the authenticity of the yarn The Queen might have gone back and claimed relationship with Moses as he was favored in the house of Pharaoh. Then all that would be necessary would be to dig up an Egyptian mummy and she could look upon one of Moses' early playmates

Some Democratic editors make great ado over the profits made by the tinplate trust There is little doubt that the tinplate trust is in business to make profits When the Welsh Tinplate trust made the profits in selling the Americans tinplate these organs had nothing to say When it was proposed to make the tinplate in this country these same organs objected Now that Americans instead of Welshmen are making profits on tinplate, these anti Americans continue their objections If they had their way these millions of dollars now made and spent in the United States, would be made and spent in Wales and thousands of Americans would be out of work —York Despatch

"We know what American victory means. It means not to oppress not to tread on the necks of the fallen It means to lift them up, to place them upon their feet, and to do all that is in our power to extend comfort, civilization, happiness and prosperity to all mankind This war has brought under the dominion and protectorate of the Stars and Stripes many millions of our Catholic people, far removed, some of them, from the American continent, but we predict for them unhesitatingly that they will make American citizens as loyal, as sturdy and as true as those that are here to day "—Father Lavelle in speech introducing President McKinley at Catholic summer school grounds, Champlain, N Y , Aug 15

The sky is still cloudless and no disquieting change has come during the week, In spite of more warlike news about South Africa the Bank of England behaves as if the worst possible had been fully provided for, and the country has no reason to fear trouble from that source unless English markets have so overloaded as to need help The marketing of domestic products, both farm and manufactured continues surprisingly large for the season The new possessions, taken together, are returning in revenue already more than it costs to clean and govern them The West and South still behave as if it would be impertinent for New York to offer money for crop moving, and are still bidding for commercial loans here Failures are few, strikes scarce and readily settled, and the passage of September 1st without pressure means reasonable safety for months ahead —Dun's

Unhappy France has passed through various stages of turmoil which many times has lowered her in the estimation of the world, but last Saturday the apex was reached when her courts for the second time, pronounced Capt Dreyfus guilty of high treason and sentenced him to ten years' imprisonment Without a particle of evidence as to his guilt of the charges preferred against him he is again doomed to solitary confinement No nation, no matter how firmly founded, can long survive when her courts are so blinded to all fairness The whole world stands amazed at this high handed outrage upon one who is considered an innocent man It is evident that French military circles were afraid to permit this innocent man to escape, as too many of these officers in army circles were involved in the intrigue as has been fully demonstrated by the many suicides of army officers. If Capt Dreyfus had been discharged the chances are that disclosures would have implicated many of those high in authority, hence he becomes the scape goat and must suffer Could the unfortunate man hear the words of sympathy welling up from every American heart he would feel encouraged, and know that public sentiment would soon force France to right a greivous wrong

The Miner is pleased to note that Brother Lindsley of the Democrat spoke right out in meeting last week in an able editorial exposing the schemes of the bosses He cut to the quick, but he ought to have scraped the bone He possesses the utensils, perhaps he will use the instruments later on No party is worth preserving unless it can sustain just and honest criticism within its own ranks. Any party leader who is honest and working for the welfare of party does not fear criticism Does anyone think that Lincoln, Seward, Phillips, Chase or any of those grand men who wrought to make the Republican party the grandest and noblest in the land, feared criticism? They courted criticism, knowing that their cause was just and right It is only such would be leaders, who are only political blatherskites such as Platt and Quay who assume to be leaders only for spoils and prestige who are afraid of criticism If Quay had risen in the courts of Philadelphia last March and stated to the court — "While I am entitled to take refuge behind the statute of limitation I as United States Senator from the great State of Pennsylvania demand the most rigid investigation into this case that the people of my great Commonwealth may know that I am an honest and upright man it would have satisfied the people beyond a doubt of his honesty But instead he took refuge behind the statute of limitation to the lasting shame and disgrace to himself and the degradation of every Republican in the Commonwealth Such men are afraid of public criticism and well they may be They are as afraid of the searchlight of investigation as the devil is supposed to be afraid of holy water There are such men in all parties, and the sooner honest criticism drives them to the wall the better it will be for all concerned

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

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President McKinley and Secretary Root are both pleased at the rapidity with which the recruiting of the new regiments for the Philippines is going on Although a number of the recruiting officers in various sections have just opened, reports to the war department show that half of the ten regiments are already enlisted The official order for recruiting two colored regiments, which will be the last of the volunteers, was issued Saturday afternoon.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana, who recently returned from the Philippines where he made an exhaustive personal investigation of affairs, was warmly welcomed by President McKinley, to whom he made a very full statement, during conferences covering a considerable portion of three consecutive days Senator Beveridge declined to make a statement for publication at this time, concerning what he told the President, but it is known that the President considers the information brought him to be important, and that much of it is confirmatory of what Prof Schurman had already told him

Commissioner Evans has been holding a continuous reception to G A R. men ever since he returned from the encampment. Speaking of his experience at the encampment he said: "The good will of the veterans was manifested wherever I met them The only opposition was had by Washington attorneys, whose attempts to influence the encampment were failures from beginning to end I am much gratified at the outcome of the encampment, so far as the pension office is concerned, and I am feeling very comfortable over the fact that, after so much threatened trouble for me at Philadelphia, I have returned to Washington, not only unscathed but with a strong endorsement of my official acts I have performed my full duty conscientiously both to the government and to the pensioners and I say again that I am highly gratified that the veterans have acknowledged my good faith in the administration of my office "

The association of Spanish War Veterans whose first encampment has just closed, elected President McKinley as their first honorary member Gen J W Keifer, commander in chief, and Miss Helen Gould, sponsor

Brigadier General Ovenshine, late commander of the second brigade of Lawton's division, eighth army corps is in Washington on sick leave. He said of his Philippine service "I had in my brigade the Wyoming, North Dakota and Idaho regiments of volunteers and the 14th infantry of regulars, and was in the southern part of Luzon with Lawton about six weeks We captured everything we went after and held every city we took Gen Ovenshine says he thinks the next campaign will wind up the rebellion Of the men's rations he said "We had the best Australian beef and mutton, even better than you get in Washington Our other supplies were equally as good, and there was no complaint," and of another story, widely published he said "As to the reports of Filipino soldiers mutilating our dead, and our soldiers mutilating the enemy for revenge, I never saw a single case of any kind of mutilation and don't believe there was any with Lawton's command "

The war department wishes it known that it will forward packages of books and papers to soldiers in the Philippines, free of charge, if they are sent to either Maj Long U S quartermaster, San Francisco, Cal , or Col Jones, U S quartermaster, New York city These packages may be for general distribution or addressed to any organization, just as the donors may please

Senator Foraker, who has become used to being represented by the Democrats as not in accord with the Republican party in Ohio, and never pays any attention to such stories, thus states the situation in Ohio, "We are in good shape for the campaign The Democrats have not carried the State in ten years Beating the Democrats consecutively that many years is a good record for the Republicans of Ohio, and one which will be sustained at the polls this fall. The issues on which the campaign will be fought are pretty generally known outside the State There is no serious factional trouble in the Republican party, that I am aware of " That doesn't sound like the talk of a man who is not in accord with his party, does it?

The best informed men in Washington have known for some time that Mr Hobart was as certain of renomination as Mr McKinley, provided the state of his health will permit him to accept His health has not been good since last winter and that has caused fear on the part of his friends There is no ground whatever for the gossip alleging a movement among prominent Republicans to supplant Mr. Hobart on the ticket There is not a single Republican, prominent in national affairs who is not cordially in favor of Mr Hobart's renomination, and President McKinley's strong friendship for Mr Hobart is known everywhere" There has never been a president and vice president more thoroughly in accord personally and politically, than these two men have been from the day they were placed on the ticket together, and there has never been a vice president who was allowed so large a share in shaping national policies as Mr Hobart has had The great ability of the man has had as much to do with this as the friendship of the President for him

The editor of the Western Spirit, Paola Kan , is calling for reform in a new direction He declares that church bells are nuisances and would have the Kansas Legislature enact a law to prohibit their clanging He says people go to work without being rung up by a bell, and that they "should go to church on time without the bell Relying and depending on the bell is evidence that their devotion to God is very weak If a person's religion is so very weak that a hired man must break the commandment pulling a rope on Sunday to get the person to go to a place of worship, his religion will never save him "

A WONDERFUL CURE OF DIARRHOEA

A Prominent Virginia Editor Had Almost Given Up, but Was Brought Back to Perfect Health by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Read His Editorial.

From the Times Hillsville Va

I suffered with diarrhoea for a long time and thought I was past being cured. I had spent much time and money and suffered so much misery that I had almost decided to give up all hopes of recovery and await the result, but noticing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and also some testimonials stating how some wonderful cures had been wrought by this remedy, I decided to try it After taking a few doses I was entirely well of that trouble, and I wish to say further to my readers and fellow sufferers that I am a hale and hearty man to day and feel as well as I ever did in my life —O. R. Moore Sold by L K. Hogarth & Co

For wounds, burns, scalds, sores, skin diseases and all irritating eruptions, nothing so soothing and healing as DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Mrs Emma Bolles, Matron Englewood Nursery, Chicago, says of it "When all else fails in healing our babies, it will cure. L K Hogarth & Co

For Sale.

A fine residence in Smethport, within 5 minutes' walk of the court house; gas, water and closets. The house is a two-story structure, large and commodious. Will be sold cheap and on reasonable terms. Inquire at this office.

The finest of room moulding 50 varieties to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

THOSE PERNICIOUS RULES.

The following taken from the Wellsboro Agitator, a dyed in the wool machine organ, concerning the rules governing the Republican party of this State will not [illegible] surprise. Speaking of rule 7, which governs the conference in case of a deadlock, either Judicial, Senatorial or Congressional, it says

The obvious objection to this rule is that it will in the cases specified virtually place the nomination of district candidates in the hands of the chairman of the State committee, and so impose on the district candidates in whose selection neither the voters nor their immediate representatives have had any controlling voice It is evident that candidates so selected will not be likely to command a hearty popular support and it is to be feared that the new rule, while insuring timely party nominations, may prove quite as effective in bringing about party defeats in the districts where it is put in operation

The recent political history of the State has fully demonstrated the embarrassments and dangers attending the conferree system of making district nominations, and it is evident enough that a change of that system is needed But the change proposed by the new seventh rule is rather for the worse than the better When the local partisans of district candidates reach the point where they refuse to yield enough to break a conference deadlock they will not be in a temper likely to prompt a hearty or even a loyal support to a candidate imposed on the district by an official outside the district and in no way responsible to it In such a case the proposed cure for the deadlock will be almost certain in the end to prove more damaging than the deadlock itself What is needed for the safety and welfare of the party is the entire abrogation of the conference system and the establishment of the Crawford county system of making district nominations The Agitator has often urged the introduction of that system in our local districts, and experience, observation and reflection have with the passing years strengthened our conviction that the nomination of local candidates by the full party vote is the only practical means of saving the party from the evident and increasing evils flowing from the conferree system If the next State convention will forego all further efforts to cobble up a system inherently vicious and institute a real reform by providing for the nomination of district candidates by the electors themselves, it will do much to deserve the gratitude of all Republicans

But the Agitator, in its zeal for Boss Quay and the machine, fails to strike at the real danger in these odious rules concocted in the brain of W. "Asparagus" Andrews The real pith of the whole plot is to contrive by means either fair or foul to place no one but hide bound machine men in nomination. This can be accomplished through rule 7, by getting up a fight in conference until the State chairman appoints another machine man to take part in the nominations and the thing is done It is only another nail driven in and clinched to deprive the people of political liberty

A Word to Mothers.

Mothers of children affected with croup or a severe cold need not hesitate to administer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy It contains no opiate nor narcotic in any form and may be given as confidently to the babe as to an adult The great success that has attended its use in the treatment of colds and croup has won for it the approval and praise it has received throughout the United States and in many foreign lands For sale by L K. Hogarth & Co

DeWitt's Little Early Risers permanently cure chronic constipation, biliousness, nervousness and worn out feeling, cleanse and regulate the entire system Small, pleasant, never gripe or sicken—"famous little pills " L. K Hogarth & Co

"Best in the market for coughs and colds and all bronchial troubles, for croup it has no equal," writes Henry R Whitford, South Canaan, Conn , of One Minute Cough Cure L K Hogarth & Co

L. K. Hogarth & Co have their ice cream parlor separate from store, with side entrance

SHERIFF'S SALES

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa , and to me directed I will expose at public sale in the court house, in the borough of Smethport on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1899,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property

Defendants interest in all the southerly one half part being fifty feet in width off the southerly end of all that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground situate in the borough of Kane county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows Beginning at a point on the east line of Thonesta avenue 200 feet north of the northeast corner of Thonesta avenue and Elm street, thence north along the east side of Thonesta avenue one hundred feet, thence east parallel with said Elm street one hundred and ninety five feet to an alley; thence south along the west side of said alley one hundred feet, thence west one hundred and ninety five feet to the place of beginning. The hereby described containing [illegible] sq ft and being the southerly one half of lot No 11 in the Wilcox & Tribbel survey in the borough of Kane Improved and having thereon one one and one half story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Clifton DeForest at the suit of The Peoples' Building and Loan Association

W. W. Barbour plaintiff's attorney

3

Defendants interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania described as follows Commencing at a post in the east line of Mechanic street and at the southwest corner of land occupied by one Barton thence east one hundred and two (102) feet to a post in the south line of lands deeded to F Boyer thence south thirteen (13) degrees west parallel with Mechanic street fifty seven (57) feet to a post thence north seventy seven (77) degrees west one hundred feet to a post in the east line of Mechanic street thence north thirteen (13) degrees east by the east line of Mechanic street, thirty five (35) feet to the place of beginning Containing about four thousand six hundred and forty-six (4,646) square feet and being also part of lot No 1[illegible] on Warrant No [illegible] Improved and having thereon one one story frame cottage.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Ida M Reid and John J. Reid at the suit of the Chautauqua National Building Loan and Savings Association of Jamestown N Y

John P Melvin plaintiff's attorney

4

Defendant's interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows Being lots numbers [illegible] and [illegible] as per survey of F M Webster dated May, 189[illegible] of the Raub farm, being the same lots of land conveyed by George W Raub and wife to Joseph Crawford by deed dated July 16, 1891 and entered for record in the Recorder's office of McKean county August 20 1891 Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house with all attached and usual outbuildings

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Joseph Crawford at the suit of the Chautauqua National Building Loan and Savings Association of Jamestown N Y

John P Melvin plaintiff's attorney

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain messuage tenement and tract of land situate lying and being in the city of Bradford county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania and bounded and described as follows, to wit Beginning at a point in the westerly line of Roberts street sixty seven (67) feet south from the land of C W Roberts thence southerly along Roberts St 75 feet to north west corner of lot contracted to A P Provin thence westerly by line parallel with southerly line of lands of T W Roberts being the northerly line of land contracted to said A P Provin to the right of way of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg railroad thence southerly along the line of the said right of way to a point, thence easterly by line at right angles with said Roberts street to the place of beginning Being part of the land conveyed to Amelia Campbell by Ann L Graham and Edwin C Estis, administrators of the estate of Willard M Newell by deed dated March 21 1877 and recorded in Deed Book Vol 1 page 122 &c and the same conveyed by Loyal Ward executor of the last will and testament of Amelia Campbell to Patrick H Gallager and William Devine by deed dated April [illegible] 189[illegible] This conveyance being made and accepted subject to an oil lease on said land owned by Emery & Co and the oil right therein being reserved with the understanding that no other oil wells are to be drilled on said land The land hereby conveyed and above described being [illegible] feet of north part of lot No [illegible] all of lot No [illegible] and [illegible] feet off the south [illegible] of east [illegible] lot No [illegible] as per survey of [illegible] Improved and having thereon [illegible] frame barn with [illegible] barn and [illegible] house [illegible]

[illegible]

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] Florence Sandborn at the suit of the [illegible] Building and Loan Association of Rochester New York.

Brown & Schoonmaker plaintiff's attorneys.

Defendant's interest in all that certain tract of land situate in Otto township, McKean county, Penna., being part of Warrants Nos. [illegible] and [illegible] hundred and [illegible] as follows Commencing at the southwest corner of the Oak Shade Oil Company's lands at stake and stones, thence north eighty six and one fourth degrees west along Potts and Sikes north line twenty one and 15-25 rods to stake and stones, thence north [illegible] degrees east along the [illegible] line one hundred and eighty six and 15-25 rods to a stake and stones in the south line of lands owned by G. V. Forman, thence south 86 degrees east along Forman's southerly line [illegible] rods to stake and stones, thence along Forman's southerly line north [illegible] degrees east eleven and 3-5 rods to stake and stones in line of said Sidney Smith, thence south [illegible] degrees west along the Smith's west line fifty eight rods to stake and stones, thence north [illegible] degrees east four and 4-25 rods to stake and stones in the northwest corner of the Oak Shade Oil Company's west line one hundred and thirty three and seventy-five hundredths rods to the place of beginning Containing [illegible] acres, more or less, as surveyed by W. H. Morton. Together with two oil wells complete, wood rigs, one [illegible] H P boiler, two [illegible] H P engines, one [illegible] tank, tubing, casing, sucker rods, pipe, connections, &c., thereunto belonging, two derricks, one one story board house and board barn, also the royalty in said oil wells.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wm [illegible] at the suit of Jacob Kittler surviving partner of J. M. Henry & Co.

F. W. Hastings plaintiff's attorney

8.

Defendants interest in all that certain piece or tract of land situate in McKean county, Pennsylvania described according to a survey made thereof by M. N. Powell surveyor on the 8th day of June 1870, Beginning at a post thirty feet south of the center line of the P. S. & E. R. R. tracks, running thence by the southern boundary of the railroad north [illegible] degrees west [illegible] and five tenths perches, thence southerly four degrees west, two and five tenths perches, thence south eighty four degrees west [illegible] and five tenths perches, thence south seventy three degrees west [illegible] perches to a post corner of a tract of land conveyed by the trustees to Patrick Welsh on the 30th day of June 1870, thence by the said Patrick Welsh's land south thirty three perches to a post corner of a tract of land conveyed by the said trustees to Patrick Welsh on the [illegible] day of June 1870, thence by the said Patrick Welsh's land south three perches to a post corner of land, thence east thirty eight and two-tenths perches to a post corner in the east line of the said land of Patrick Welsh and thence by other lands of the said trustees north [illegible] ty nine perches and nine tenths of a perch to the place of beginning. Containing nine acres and twenty square perches.

Second All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Wetmore township McKean county, Penna., being part of Warrants Nos. [illegible] and [illegible] and described according to a survey made thereof by M. N. Powell in 1871 as follows Beginning at a post the northwest corner of land formerly of Patrick Welsh on the south side of the P. S. & E. R. R. running thence along the south side of said railroad south [illegible] degrees east [illegible] perches, thence south [illegible] degrees east [illegible] perches, thence south [illegible] degrees east [illegible] perches to the northwest corner of land of William Hays, thence by the west line of Hays land south [illegible] degrees west [illegible] perches to a post corner, thence north [illegible] degrees west [illegible] perches to a post the south east corner of the said land formerly of Patrick Welsh, thence by the east line of the same north [illegible] degrees east [illegible] perches to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and fifty eight acres and [illegible] square perches of land, excepting and reserving therefrom all the natural gas in and under said land. The said above described tracts of land having thereon a [illegible] combined saw and factory building, one dry house, one paint shop and store, [illegible] six dwelling houses, one barn, two [illegible] H. P. engines, two [illegible] H. P. boilers, saw mill, [illegible] edger, one [illegible] three lathes, one [illegible] machine, one [illegible] and [illegible] machine, three slitting saws, one cut off saw, one jointer, etc., [illegible] cut off saws, one [illegible] one shaper, one band saw, one [illegible] and all shafting and belting connected therewith, also one large saw mill complete and one set of tools of [illegible]

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of W. A. [illegible] at the suit of Herman Jones.

A. P. Hoyt plaintiff's attorney

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Keating township, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post in Marvin creek road being the southwest corner of lot No 17 of the allotment of the Bingham lands in said township, conveyed to Eugene Scott, thence south [illegible] degrees west [illegible] rods more or less along the west line of land conveyed to James Hussey by the will and heirs [illegible] [illegible] by deed dated Jany 3rd 18[illegible] and recorded in Deed Book [illegible] page [illegible] McKean county records to the southwest corner of the same, thence east along the south line thereof to a point far enough so that a line drawn northerly and parallel with the said west line to the said Marvin creek road and from thence westerly along said road to the place of beginning will enclose forty acres, thence northerly parallel to said west line to the said Marvin creek road, thence westerly along said Marvin creek road to the place of beginning. Being forty acres off the west end of said James Hussey farm and being the premises devised to the said Thomas Hussey by the last will and testament of James Hussey [illegible] and [illegible] and duly registered in McKean county in Register's Book [illegible] page [illegible] Mostly improved and having thereon a frame house and a few apple trees

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Thomas Hussey at the suit of W. D. Young, surviving partner of Taylor & Young, now for use of D. C. Young.

Gorton & Richmond plaintiff's attorneys

J F DAVIS Sheriff

Sheriff's Office Smethport, Pa , Sept 14 1899.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 152 February Term, 1899

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county greeting

Whereas Jennie S. Bly did on the [illegible] day of January, 1899 prefer her petition to the said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Carl B. Bly.

We therefore command you the said Carl B. Bly, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the first Monday of October next to answer the petition or libel of said Jennie S. Bly and show cause if any you have why the said Jennie S. Bly your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff

F. H. Stone Libellant's Attorney

Smethport, Pa., Sept 6, 1899.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 12, February Term, 1899.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county greeting

Whereas, Minnie M. Corey did, on the 15th day of December, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Percy Corey.

We therefore command you the said Percy Corey that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of October next to answer the petition or libel of Minnie M. Corey and show cause if any you have why the said Minnie M. Corey your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff

Sheridan Gorton Libellant's Attorney

Smethport Pa. Sept. 6 1899

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 62, February Term 1899.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county greeting

Whereas, Rebecca Stewart did on the 18th day of January, 1899, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Samuel W. Stewart.

We therefore command you, the said Samuel W. Stewart, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the first Monday of October next, to answer the petition or libel of Rebecca Stewart and show cause if any you have, why the said Rebecca Stewart, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff

Mullin & Mullin, Libellant's Attorneys.

Smethport Pa., Sept. 6, 1899

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6 patterns in Organdie and Mulle, 3 yards long, beautiful ruffle at $1 19 pair.

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Three pieces Curtain Muslins 18c yard, worth 25c.

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Main St, Smethport, Pa.

Election Notice.

IN PURSUANCE OF A RESOLUTION OF Council of the Borough of Smethport passed Aug 4th 1899 and in compliance with law notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the said Borough of Smethport on Friday Sept [illegible] 1899 at the usual polling places in said borough and between the hours of [illegible] a. m. and [illegible] p. m. for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors thereof to the increase of the bonded indebtedness of the said Borough of Smethport to an aggregate amount in excess of two per centum and not exceeding seven per centum of the last assessed valuation of the taxable property therein.

The last assessed valuation of taxable property in said Borough is [illegible]

Amount of existing debt [illegible]

Amount of proposed increase [illegible]

Per cent of proposed increase [illegible]

The increase of indebtedness is for the purpose of providing funds for erecting [illegible] in said Borough.

JAMES A. McKEAN,
President of Council

Attest: JOHN F. [illegible]
Secretary

Smethport Pa., Aug. 1st 1899 [illegible]

FOR 1899

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This month is supposed to be the dullest month in the year We propose to change the usual program and make it one of the liveliest of the months. Commencing July 25 and lasting until Aug. 26, we will inaugurate a grand and stupendous Clearing Sale Prices will be at rock bottom Never again do we expect to be able to sell so fine a class of merchandise at such ridiculously low prices.

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Mail orders carefully executed.

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Smethport, Pa.

McKean County Miner

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SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Racket ad.

—Olean has a golf club.

—Maurice Hall has broken ground for his new residence on Main street.

—See the corrected time-table of the Coudersport & Port Allegany R'y.

—Read the new advertisement of H. W. Marcus of Olean. It is interesting.

—J. Colegrove, as usual advertises Saturday bargains this week. Read his ad.

—Some of the lumber has been placed on the ground for the temporary school building.

—The new Baptist church at Coudersport is an ornament as well as a credit to the town.

—Frank Morris has a beal on his foot which thus far has proved exceedingly interesting.

—Some of Potter county's newspapers are having a genuine merry-go-round in calling each other liars.

—Workmen commenced cleaning out the rubbish in the burned portion of the Grand Central yesterday.

—Ned Newman has accepted a position in the store of D. C. Young. The MINER wishes the young man success.

—The funeral of R. W. Bloodsworth took place at Olean last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was largely attended.

—To-day is the eighth anniversary of the dedication of St. Luke's church. Appropriate ceremonies were held this forenoon.

—James Holland has moved into the upper rooms of the Stickles building at the south end of the Mechanic street bridge.

—There are several new brick buildings in course of erection in Coudersport that will soon make that thriving borough resemble a city.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has passed resolutions that hereafter no new men over 35 years old will be given employment on their road.

—The MINER has received an invitation and complimentary cards to attend the Philadelphia Exposition Association, which opened at noon to-day.

—William Haskell, who suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy on Wednesday night of last week, is so far recovered that he came down town on Tuesday.

—According to the Cross Fork News the residents of that hustling town find eels in the water mains. One man discovered one in a hose he was using.

—The MINER has received an invitation to attend the centennial celebration of the borough of West Chester, Pa., which takes place Oct. 11 to 13, inclusive.

—Thirty-one of the employes of the Camp Glass Works arrived in town Tuesday night from Newcastle and other points. Quite a number brought their families.

—On Monday Chas. Anderson, while fishing in Potato creek, caught a peculiar fish. It was about ten inches in length, about an inch in width and resembled the eel specie.

—The MINER is pleased to note that the Dew Drop mine, located in Colorado, and in which many McKean county residents are interested, has been sold for $2,500,000.

—Mrs. G. H. Yentzer died at Roulette on Wednesday of last week of blood poisoning. The funeral was held Thursday and was one of the largest ever held in that section.

—C. C. Amalong of Alken informed the MINER last Saturday that he would soon move to Butler county, this state, where he has accepted a more lucrative position. May good fortune attend him.

—The MINER tenders sympathy to Hon. Loyal Ward and wife of Bradford in their sad bereavement over the death of their daughter, Mrs. Edna M. Henry, which occurred at 3 a. m. yesterday.

—McKean Co. W. C. T. U. will hold their semi-annual convention at Port Allegany, Sept. 21 and 22. The annual reports will be given, and Miss Belle Kearney of Mississippi will lecture.

—Seger & Doyle, the furnishers, have a new and interesting ad this week. This enterprising firm is giving Smethport just what any good live town needs—an up-to-date clothing and furnishing store.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will speak on the following topics next Sunday, Sept. 17; In the morning at 10:30, "Prophecy; or the Permanence or Infallibility of Truth." In the evening at 7:30, "Heart Transformation; or From Death Unto Life."

—Word reached here Monday that Isaac Horton of Sheffield had died at his home there on Saturday. Mr. Horton was at the head of the Penn Tanning Co. and was a man of great influence in that section.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brown, formerly of East Smethport, are now located at Bradford where Mr. Brown has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Tuna Glass Company. Mrs. Brown will assist him.

—In the proper place will be found the card of the Arlington Cafe, Olean, N. Y., Austin & Backus, proprietors. When in the city of natural advantages, whether hungry or thirsty or both, give "Fred & Six" a call.

—The Hamlin Park grounds have been staked out for building lots. Water and gas lines are being laid and comfortable cottages will soon be going up with a rush. It is expected that the fires will be lighted by November 1.

—James McKeah recently found in his cucumber patch a pair of gold rimmed spectacles in a case. The owner will not be compelled to pay for the cucumbers taken. All that is necessary is to prove property and pay for this notice.

—There was a serious freight wreck near Tiona, on the western division of the Pennsylvania railroad, at a little after midnight Sunday. Two trains collided killing one of the engineers and a fireman and severely injuring one of the conductors.

—The MINER is pleased to state that on the first of this month Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa made a voluntary raise of five per cent. in the wages of all his employees, about 300 in number. This is gratifying and goes to prove that times are improving.

—Mrs. A. P. Brewer of Norwich, who has been spending some time in the western states, has returned to her old home where she has resided for about 77 years. The MINER hopes that she may be spared many more years to enjoy her pleasant and comfortable home.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Sept. 9: Amadis Brochell, Geo. R. Brink, Mr. Maggie Dickey, Chas. A. Johnson, Fred Phillips, Martin Ross, Dr. Chas. E. Sharpe, R. E. Scott. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—An exchange truthfully remarks: When your send a copy of a paper to an editor always mark the paragraph you want him to see. The editor has troubles enough of his own without spending half a day trying to locate he knows not what, in a paper sent by he knows not who.

—Ex-Mayor James Broder of Bradford, who has been looking after the oil and gas interests of the Barnsdalls at Russell City, had a severe stroke of paralysis Tuesday night. He was conveyed to Bradford Wednesday evening. The MINER with a host of friends here hope that he will soon recover.

—Judge Metzger of Lycoming county advocates the erection of a new court house for that county. The present structure was erected in 1858, just forty-one years ago. The lumber city is certainly in need of a better and larger court house to accommodate the large increase in population.

—In the case of M. J. Curtis vs. Corwin S. Curtis the court ordered the jury to find verdict in favor of defendant. The railway injunction case was continued to Sept. 26. The suit of Clarence E. Horton vs. The Record Publishing Co. of Bradford was ended yesterday by the court ordering a non suit.

—The Baptist Association met in Bradford on Tuesday. This is a remarkable incident when it is taken into consideration that the water commissioners of the oil metropolis are cautioning the people to be sparing of the water. Tuna water as it is presented to-day is a hard dose to swallow, even for a water-loving Baptist.

—Last week Miss Carrie Park of Allegany, says the Olean Times, was joined in wedlock to Ira J. Kiser of Johnsonburg by the Rev. J. D. Dare of the M. E. church. Here is a queer combination of names; the lady was a Park, by the assistance of a Dare she became a Kiser. May she rule her household with moderation.

—Last evening at St. Stephen's rectory Rev. Dr. J. W. Ashton united in marriage Dr. Arthur Ward Cutler of Oneonta, N. Y., and Miss Nellie Elmira Backus of Smethport, Pa.—Olean Times, Sept. 12. The above is all right, of course, but it is not exactly fair to steal a march on the fair bride's many friends here. May kind fortune ever smile on the happy couple.

—Last Saturday the MINER man had the pleasure of shaking hands with John P. Mullin, who with his brother, Francis, had arrived home the day before from the Klondike, and they are without doubt the happiest young men in Bradford. They have evidently discovered that the sun does not shine on a fairer spot than "home sweet home," made doubly attractive by the presence of a fond mother.

—That nothing can impede the onward march of progress was manifest on Saturday last when that giant oak tree, a landmark which has graced the corner of Nelson and Water streets for nearly a century, was leveled to the dust to make room for the tracks of the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern Ry. Co. Could this fallen king tell of the many strange things that have taken place in Smethport since it first commenced its growth some interesting reading would be the result.

—On Monday W. D. Gallup, executor of the Taylor estate, sold to T. F. Hungiville the Grand Central property. It is supposed that several others are interested with Mr. Hungiville in the purchase. The work of overhauling and rebuilding will be commenced at once; the first floor will be used as store rooms. It is not fully decided as yet what will be done with the rest of the building, though there is talk of using it for an opera house and hall. James McGuier has purchased the Picard House and has made a comfortable home of the same for travelers.

—Last Monday night, between the hours of midnight and morning, the postoffice at Ormsby was broken into by unknown parties who secured an entrance by breaking a light of glass and raising the window. The money drawer was broken open but there was nothing in it but a few stamps, which were not touched. Nothing else was taken and no clew to the perpetrators can be found. A reward of $10 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the parties, and the postoffice department has been notified and will send an inspector to investigate.

—On the morning of July 8th, last, the Grand Central was destroyed by fire and since that time the popular hostelry has been almost as silent as the tomb. Mr. McGuier has labored late and early to place the Picard House and the rooms over J. C. Hamlin's store, formerly used by the Nunundah Club, in proper shape to entertain guests. That he has succeeded admirably cannot be questioned. On Monday morning Attorney Eugene Mullin of Bradford autographed as the first guest. A few moments later Hon. A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport followed his example. Smethport is again able to take care of the traveling public.

—The MINER has been requested to call attention to the fact that many of our residents make a dumping ground of Potato creek below the bridge as well as the dugway at the lower end of town. This ought not to be. The borough council has provided a place for disposing of rubbish near the dugway, where it can be burned without danger to anyone's property. Take your rubbish there and burn it in accordance with the council's orders.

—Judge Morrison handed down a rule of court on Monday afternoon that will have a tendency to shorten the divorce list to a great extent. Heretofore it has been the custom of the court to appoint a commissioner to take testimony. The new rule compels an applicant for divorce to have the case tried in open court and not in secret session before a commissioner. Judge Morrison has struck the popular chord in this county. This move ought to have been introduced long ago; the divorce mill would not have moved so readily.

—Ulysses claims the largest dog and the smallest pony in Potter county, if not in the State of Pennsylvania or in the United States. The dog is owned by D. C. Chase and is half Bernard and half English mastiff, his parents being imported. He weighs 218 pounds and has never been whipped. The pony, which is a Shetland is owned by E. C. Crane. He weighs 225 pounds, is 37¼ inches high and is quite attractive.—Ulysses Sentinel. This town is full of snapping, snarling worthless curs that we would gladly exchange for the above dog.

—Here is a way to advertise a town: Have its newspapers speak well of it. See that every citizen has a good word for it, and speaks kindly of his fellow business men. Keep the streets clean and the buildings painted. Keep the weeds mowed in the living part of the town. See that private property is kept up, lawns mowed, houses painted, sidewalks kept in good repair. Patriotism to the town on the part of all its citizens its absolutely necessary to its growth and progress. These are a few of the things which go a long way toward advertising a town to its benefit.—Western Advertiser.

—The MINER desires to thank Grand Chief Pap Blodget of the famous Emporium Liars' Club for his kindness in inviting us to become a member of that club which can give Ananias cards and spades and then beat him. The following taken from last week's Emporium Press explains itself: "Grand Chief Pap Blodget says the club could arrange the charter so as to take in Burt Olson. A vote was taken and he is now a member. Now Olson come over and we will give you Ananias degree." As it is somewhat difficult to reach Emporium to meet with this most truthful of clubs the MINER man delegates Hon. Harry Mullin of the Press to act as substitute, knowing full well that his ability along that line cannot be questioned.

—A lively scrap was started in the Grand Central barroom Monday evening. Officer Bronk was soon on the scene and grasping each of the contestants by the shoulder started for the street. Some one jostled against them, letting one of the party loose who skipped out the back way. Handing his other capture to Officer Bates, Mr. Bronk started after the fleeing bird. Here occurred a race for points. The escaping man had a square the start, but he was captured on Water street, near Union, and brought before Burgess Hogarth who fined them each $10 and costs. Afterwards they met at the Marvin creek bridge and fought it out according to the Marquis of Queensbury rules, and the one who sprinted so energetically to escape from Officer Bronk polished off his antagonist to the Queen's taste, in spite of the fact that his opponent had stated in the Burgess' office that he would gladly pay the fine if allowed two minutes at the other party.

Death of Moses Hackett.

A telegram from Hickox, Potter county, was received Tuesday afternoon, announcing that Moses Hackett had died there that day, aged about 81 years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robbins, whom he was visiting.

The deceased was born June 13, 1818, and married Miss Sarah Gifford of Keating township, Jan. 13, 1841. Ten children blessed this union—four sons and six daughters—of which one son, A. E. of Keating township, and four daughters, Mrs. Anna Eliza Robbins, Mrs. L. L. Simmons, Hickox, Potter county, Mrs. Tina Liggett, Emporium, and Miss Leliah of Port Allegany, survive to mourn his death.

The deceased was one of the early settlers of McKean county, highly respected and had been a deacon in the Baptist church here for many years. It hardly seems possible to the writer that he has gone away, never to return. The last view that many of his friends here had of him was on Monday afternoon, Aug. 28, when he stood with head uncovered, his silvery locks waving in the breeze, asking Divine blessing to rest upon the laying of the corner stone of the Baptist church. His prayer was most earnest, and, to his many hearers, it seemed as though, like Moses, he was standing on the mountain top viewing the promised land.

The remains will be brought here and the funeral will be held from the residence of John Bender this afternoon.

Suicide at Coudersport.

Last Thursday, about 10 o'clock a. m., the residents of Coudersport were startled by the announcement that William Metzger had committed suicide by shooting himself in the forehead with a flobert rifle. The deceased lost his wife about one year ago and since that time had been despondent. Last winter fire destroyed his restaurant. A fine brick building had been erected on the ruins and Mr. Metzger had just got everything nicely arranged for business and the restaurant when seen by the writer on Friday morning presented a very neat appearance. Mr. H. A. Button, who occupies one part of Mr. Metzger's residence, heard a shot about 6 o'clock in the morning and, looking out of the window, saw a dog run. Thinking that some one had shot at the canine he paid no more attention to the matter. Mrs. Button, after performing her own household duties, at about 10 o'clock proceeded to the chamber of Mr. Metzger, rapped on the door and receiving no response supposed he had gone down town to his place of business. She opened the door and was horrified to see the man lying on the bed with a bullet hole in his forehead, and the rifle lying beside him on the bed. It seems he had taken a bath and carefully dressed himself ere he committed the fatal deed. The deceased was about 50 years of age.

Auction Sale.

On Sept. 19 and 20 H. Palmer & son will put up their entire stock of dry goods, groceries and provisions, boots and shoes and ladies' and gents' furnishings. Their stock is fresh and you will get goods at your own price. Don't fail to be at Palmerville on the above dates. Sale commences at 10 a. m.

The healing properties of Banner Salve are truly marvelous. It is a thorough antiseptic and heals all wounds, cuts and burns without leaving a scar. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Repair your roof. Shingles or roofing paper. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Hammocks at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s all styles and prices. 21-tf

Game Laws.

For the benefit of our sportsmen the game law is published [illegible].

[illegible] October 15 to December 15.

Pheasants, ruff grouse and prairie chicken, October 15 to December 15.

Wild turkey, October 15 to December 15.

Woodcock, month of July and October 15 to December 15.

Rail and reed bird, September 1 to November 30.

Plover, July 15 to January 1.

Geese and duck, September 1 to May 1.

Elk and deer, November 1 to November 30.

Squirrel, October 15 to December 15.

Hare and rabbits, November 1 to December 15.

No more than ten pheasants or ruff grouse, two wild turkeys, ten woodcock or fifteen quail must be killed by one person in one day, and no more than two deer in one year.

Market hunting buying, selling and the shipment of game birds and mammals are prohibited. The killing of birds other than game birds is prohibited.

Sunday gunning is prohibited.

Decoys may be used in hunting duck or geese only.

All game must be shot with a gun.

The penalty for hunting deer with dogs or in the waters of any stream or pond is $100 for each offense and imprisonment of one day for each dollar of penalty imposed.

The use of ferrets in hunting game is prohibited.

English and Mongolian pheasants are protected for five years from June 4, 1897.

Killing, wounding or taking any game birds or animals with trap, net, snare, bird lime, poison or drugs is prohibited.

English sparrow, kingfisher, hawk, horned owl, barred owl, green herron and night herron are not protected.

Fifteen days' time is allowed after expiration of season to dispose of game.

It is always unlawful to take or attempt to take any game except by the use of guns held at arm's length. Fine $50.

To have trapped game in possession fine $20.

All of These Songs Free.

Announcement was made last week of the Sunday World Music Album of ten songs to be issued weekly. Following is the complete list:

"In the Shadow of the Carolina Hills," by George Taggart and Max S. Witt, authors of "The Moth and the Flame."

"If All the Girls Were Like You," by Charles Graham, author of "Two Little Girls in Blue."

"I'm Nothing But a Big Wax Doll," by Malcolm Williams, author of "My Ann Elizer."

"You'll Have to Transfer," by Abe Holzman, composer of "Smoky Mokes," the greatest cakewalk hit of the season.

"Sweet Norine," by Gussie L. Davis, author of "The Baggage Coach Ahead."

"Snap-Shot Sal," by Williams and Walker, the two real "coons", authors of "I Don't Like No Cheap Man."

"Tell Mother Not to Worry," by Louis Myll, composer of "Coontown Carnival Cakewalk."

"Prancing Pickaninnies," by Max Dreyfus, composer of "A Carolina Cakewalk."

"My Georgia Lady Love," by Sterling, Howard and Emerson, authors of "Hello Ma Baby."

"There Ain't No Use to Keep on Hanging 'Round," by Irving Jones, author of "Get Your Money's Worth."

One song each week for ten weeks. First song published Sept. 3, "In the Shadow of the Carolina Hills."

The entire set is to be given away with the Sunday World, and will be sent postpaid including ten Sunday World Magazines, Art Portfolio and Comic Weeklies for 50 cents. Send 50 cents to-day, to-morrow or next week. Don't wait later than next week. This is a most exceptional offer and is only put forth to advertise the great Sunday World. Address Music Editor, The World, Pulitzer Building, New York.

Were They Kidnappers?

An alleged attempted kidnapping has caused considerable excitement in Colegrove and vicinity, in regard to which Sam Hendrickson, who lives near Crosby, relates in substance the following:

Sunday evening at about 8 o'clock two women came to my house and asked to be directed to a house in Colegrove. My wife answered their questions and gave them such directions that it was impossible to make a mistake. One of them then asked permission to take along one of our small children to show them the house, saying that they would bring her back in a few minutes. Thinking their actions strange, I refused their request and they left. One was a blonde, short and stout; the other a brunette and taller; both under middle age.

It was reported that a Smethport boy who was visiting Colegrove friends had been kidnapped that night, but as we cannot learn of any such boy being absent we are satisfied that this is a mistake.

Notice to Wheelmen.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 25 cent bottle of Henry & Johnson's Arnica and Oil Liniment, if it fails to cure bumps, bruises, scratches, chafes, cuts, strains, blisters, sore muscles, sunburn, chapped hands or face, pimples, frekles, or any other ailments requiring an external application. Lady riders are especially pleased with Arnica and Oil Liniment, it is so clean and nice to use. Twenty-five cents a bottle; one three times as large for 50 cents.

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Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Sept. 26th.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will run one of their popular low rate excursions to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Tuesday, Sept. 26th. Train will leave Smethport at 9:20 a.m. Fare, $2.25. Returning, tickets good for passage on all regular trains Sept. 27th.

September is one of the most delightful months of the year in which to visit the great cataract. Buffalo will present an additional attraction in the great Odd Fellows' street fair. Tuesday, Rebekah's day; Wednesday, Irish American day. The midway will be interesting. This will probably be the last opportunity of the season to visit the Falls and Buffalo at such low rates. Do not miss it.

September Portage Falls Excursions $1.00.

On Sept. 10 and 24 the W. N. & P. R'y special train will leave Smethport at 8:40 a. m. Fare, $1. Trains will arrive at Portage Falls Park 11:20 a. m. Returning leave 5:15 p. m., giving nearly six hours to visit the Falls and their delightful surroundings.

There will also be a week-day excursion Saturday, September 16. See small bills for particulars.

Piles Cured.

If sufferers will use Banner Salve according to directions a positive cure will result in worst cases. Guaranteed, 25c. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

The great success of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the treatment of bowel complaints has made it standard over the greater part of the civilized world. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have about 50 beautiful gold fish for sale. They are beauts and no mistake. Come early and secure first choice. tf

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Nails—little nails, big nails. Holmes & Gilfillan.

PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible] visited Kane [illegible].

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[illegible] Monday.

W. F. Andrews of Granere served as a juror this week.

Miss Mae Stewart of Ridgway is visiting relatives in town.

C. A. Burdick returned Tuesday night from his western trip.

D. C. Young and Dr. Raymond Young visited Buffalo Friday.

Earnest Barden of Eldred was an early visitor in town Monday.

Dr. E. G. Benninghoff was a guest at the Grand Central Hotel last night.

Dr. J. B. Stewart of Mt. Jewett autographed at the Central Tuesday.

M. J. Dwyer of Port Allegany held a lucky number in the jury box this week.

Ye editor's wife and daughter are attending the fair at Westfield this week.

Editor H. G. James of Bradford was a guest at the Wright House Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Swanson and Mrs. Henry Wright left for Portland, Me., to-day.

Mrs. Chas. Bosworth and children will return to their home in Brooklyn to-morrow.

H. W. Rubin and family and A. J. Warshafsky and family visited Bradford yesterday.

Benton C. and Edmund L. Ryan of Kane were pleasant callers at the MINER office Monday.

J. B. Fox, the prominent hardware merchant, of Bradford transacted business at the hub Monday.

The genial Ira E. Briggs of Erie was with us again this week, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy.

T. H. Morrison departs next Monday to attend college at Williamstown, Mass. This is his last year.

Conductor F. O. Richmond brought the court people over from Bradford Monday on a special train.

Mrs. A. G. McComb and daughter of Bradford spent Sunday in town the guests of A. G. McComb.

A. J. Martin of Jamestown arrived Monday night on one of his regular trips. He is always welcome.

Yesterday Geo. Brennan accompanied his sister, Miss Martha, to Fredonia where she will attend school.

Geoffrey W. Mayo departed for Hightstown, N. J., Monday morning where he will attend the Peddie Institute.

Mrs. B. D. Christly, Misses Bessie Scanlon and Edna Stewart of Colegrove were pleasant callers at this office yesterday.

Mrs. A. M. Davenport of East Randolph, N. Y., who has been visiting her son, W. H. Morrison, returned home Saturday.

Joseph Evans of the First National Bank, Bradford, enjoyed the hospitality of Sheriff Davis this week while serving as a juror.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke, G. B. Mayo and G. W. Mitchell attended the county committee meeting at Bradford Saturday.

C. W. Freeman and C. D. Lamb of Kushequa transacted business in town Monday. Mr. Lamb was a welcome caller at this office.

Rev. T. D. Ware visited Bradford Tuesday. He demonstrated that he runs with patience the race set before him. He is quite a pedestrian.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller returned last Tuesday from a most enjoyable wedding trip. Mr. Miller will soon resume his duties in the lumber business.

Editor Tom McClellan of the Mt Jewett Herald autographed at the Grand Central on Monday and has been holding down chairs for the county this week.

Commissioner T. F. Hungiville and H. L. Stoner of Hazelhurst visited the Port Allegany fair yesterday, presumably to secure some political pumpkins.

Editor Whitely of the Bradford Record attended court this week. In fact he had a small libel suit on his hands but it did not seem to worry him in the least.

C. K. Sartwell of Olean was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. He stated that he had come up to deliver a carload of roofing to the Smethport Glass Company.

Happy Ed. Penfield of Big Shanty was greeting his host of friends in town Tuesday. Ed. is always welcome and knows how to tell a good story to make himself solid with the boys.

Misses Rena Gallup, Maud Davis and Lucy Mitchell depart Monday next for Wilson College for young ladies at Chambersburg, Pa. The MINER wishes the young ladies a most successful term at school.

"Big Shanty" Ford, Democratic candidate for county commissioner, was shaking hands with friends in town Tuesday. Judging from Mr. Ford's view he will give the "Matchless" candidate quite a foot-race in the final windup.

Dr. Raymond Young and T. H. Morrison, after assisting in giving the Austin baseball aggregation an unmerciful drubbing last Wednesday, proceeded to Potter's capital and endeavored to capture hearts instead of victories on the diamond. Judging by the fair damsels over there, the MINER cannot help but admire their judgment.

D. H. Barnham of Eldred and brother, H. C. Barnham of Fairport, Mo., were most agreeable callers at the MINER office last Friday. H. C. Barnham was a resident of this county about 30 years ago, but not liking the hills of McKean he moved to Missouri where kind fortune seems to have smiled upon him. He is now a prosperous business man of Fairport.

National Export Exposition, Philadelphia.

The National Export Exposition, which opens at Philadelphia on September 14, and continues until November 30, will be the most interesting and important event occurring in Philadelphia since the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. In addition to its valuable commercial exhibits it will present many features of popular interest and amusement. The United States Marine Band, Sousa's Band, the Banda Rossa, Innes' Band, Damrosch's Orchestra and other celebrated bands will furnish music alternately and a Midway Plaisance, equal if not superior, to the famous World's Fair Midway at Chicago, and comprising a Chinese Village, a Chinese Theatre, acrobats and customs; an Oriental Village, London Ghost Show, Hagenbeck's Wild Animal Show, Blarney Castle and many other unique presentations, will furnish abundant and diversified amusement. Arrangements have also been made for Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Concerts and for a grand chorus from the German Singing Societies.

For this occasion the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line to Philadelphia and return at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip plus price of admission. These tickets will be sold during the continuance of the Exposition and will be good for return passage until November 30.

For specific rates and additional information apply to nearest ticket agent.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

GRANERE.

Miss [illegible] Hughes of Granere was a [illegible] Friday [illegible] Lock Haven normal school, where she will receive instructions how "to teach the young idea how to shoot."

Our hotel, under the able management of D. E. McDonald, is once more becoming a favorite stopping place for the traveling public.

Mrs. Oscar Carpenter visited her sister, Mrs. R. A. Rice and Mrs. G. B. Roth, at Eldred on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Galutia and son of Eldred were guests at the home of S. T. Carpenter Sunday.

Workmen are at work reshingling and making general improvements in and around the Chadwick House.

The excursion to Portage Falls Sunday was not very well patronized at this place.

Miss Cora Windsor was called to Granere to attend her mother, Mrs. Hubble, who is very ill.

Mrs. W. E. Windsor and Mrs. M. M. Carpenter attended the funeral of Mrs. Albert Gale at Coryville Tuesday.

F. P. Green returned to East Aurora Thursday after filling the position of Station Agent F. C. Crandall for one month, while he took a pleasure-seeking vacation.

COLEVILLE.

J. L. Yerdon had business in Bradford Tuesday.

J. B. Hover of Marshburg is visiting Mrs Snyder.

J. W. Rickenbrode and wife of Buffalo and T. E. Williams and wife were in town Monday.

Mrs. D. M. Cotton returned home Saturday from Union City where he had been attending the U. B. conference. Mr. Cotton was a delegate from this place.

George Culbertson and son drove to Bradford Saturday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the dance at Farmers Valley Friday evening.

Dr. Haines of Bradford was in town Sunday.

J. C. Bingers, our hustling contractor, has gone to Coryville to build a rig for the Eclipse Gas Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snyder of Limestone, N. Y., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Yerdon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson of Simpson Sundayed at George Culbertson's.

John Clark and F. B. Digel had business in Bradford Saturday.

H. Cohn of Bradford was in town Sunday.

T. R. Moore is nursing one of Job's comforters.

FARMERS VALLEY.

The new well in Digel hollow is nearly completed. A new cable was purchased on Tuesday.

Mrs. Redford of Bradford, who has been visiting L. Martin, returned to her home Tuesday.

Bertha Wetenhall and Eva Bender of Smethport have been visiting Mrs. Frank Vickery.

The many friends of Eunice Bray will be grieved to hear of her illness.

Joel Beckwith of Wilcox is visiting his brother, S. P. Beckwith, of this place who is very feeble.

Mrs. Flora Taylor of Turtlepoint, sister of J. C. Stull, has been caring for his household during the absence of Mrs. Stull.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Roeder drove to Port Allegany Saturday.

Ada Young has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mittie Taylor of Simpson.

Earnest Taylor is able to be up and move around a little, with the help of crutches.

Dr. Young and Mrs. Young were calling on the sick of this place Tuesday.

ANNIN CREEK.

Jerome Hodges and wife of Bradford were visiting in this place the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cooper of Kane visited friends in this place the first of the week. They are preparing to move to Kansas.

S. E. Wightman and wife and Mrs. E. C. Cooper were down from Mina over Sunday.

Rev. E. B. Buckley preached in Mina and Roulette over Sunday.

Mrs. James Hannon of Olean is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hodges.

Joel Cooper and daughters, Sadie and Nina, were among those from this place who attended the Kinney reunion at Horse Run Tuesday.

Annin township lost a school house by fire Saturday morning. This is the second school building that has been burned on Rock Run.

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IN HIS STEPS

"What Would Jesus Do?"

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"It is simply absurd! Rachel, you are a fanatic! What can you do?"

"The world has been served by men and women who have given it other things that were gifts. Why should I, because I am blessed with a natural gift, at once proceed to put a market price on it and make all the money I can out of it? You know, mother, that you have taught me to think of a musical career always in the light of a financial and social success. I have been unable since I made my promise two weeks ago to imagine Jesus joining a concert company to do what I would do and live the life I would have to live if I joined it."

Mrs. Winslow rose and then sat down again. With a great effort she composed herself.

"What do you intend to do, then? You have not answered my question."

"I shall continue to sing for the time being in the church. I am pledged to sing there through spring. During the week I am going to sing at the White Cross meetings down in the Rectangle."

"What! Rachel Winslow! Do you know what you are saying? Do you know what sort of people those are down there?"

Rachel almost quailed before her mother. For a moment she shrank back and was silent.

"I know very well. That is the reason I am going. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have been working there several weeks. I learned only this morning that they wanted singers from the churches to help them in their meetings. They use a tent. It is in a part of the city where Christian work is most needed. I shall offer them my help. Mother," Rachel cried out with the first passionate utterance she had yet used, "I want to do something that will cost me something in the way of sacrifice. I know you will not understand me. But I am hungry to suffer something. What have we done all our lives for the suffering, sinning side of Raymond? How much have we denied ourselves or given of our personal ease and pleasure to bless the place in which we live or imitate the life of the Saviour of the world? Are we always to go on doing as society selfishly dictates, moving on its narrow little round of pleasures and entertainments and never knowing the pain of things that cost?"

"Are you preaching at me?" asked Mrs. Winslow slowly. Rachel understood her mother's words.

"No. I am preaching at myself," she replied gently. She paused a moment as if she thought her mother would say something more and then went out of the room. When she reached her own room, she felt that, so far as her mother was concerned, she could expect no sympathy or even a fair understanding from her.

She kneeled down. It is safe to say that within the two weeks since Henry Maxwell's church had faced that shabby figure with the faded hat more members of his parish had been driven to their knees in prayer than during all the previous term of his pastorate.

When she rose, her beautiful face was wet with tears. She sat thoughtfully a little while and then wrote a note to Virginia Page. She sent it to her by a messenger and then went down stairs again and told her mother that she and Virginia were going down to the Rectangle that evening to see Mr. and Mrs. Gray, the evangelists.

"Virginia's uncle, Dr. West, will go with us if she goes. I have asked her to call him up by telephone and go with us. The doctor is a friend of the Grays and attended some of the meetings last winter."

Mrs. Winslow did not say anything. Her manner showed her complete disapproval of Rachel's course, and Rachel felt her unspoken bitterness.

About 7 o'clock the doctor and Virginia appeared, and together the three started for the scene of the White Cross meetings.

The Rectangle was the most notorious district in all Raymond. It was in the territory close by the great railroad shops and the packing houses. The slum and tenement district of Raymond congested its most wretched elements about the Rectangle. This was a barren field used in the summer by circus companies and wandering showmen. It was shut in by rows of saloons, gambling hells and cheap, dirty boarding and lodging houses.

The First church of Raymond had never touched the Rectangle problem. It was too dirty, too coarse, too sinful, too awful, for close contact. Let us be honest. There had been an attempt to cleanse this sore spot by sending down an occasional committee of singers, of Sunday school teachers or gospel visitors from various churches, but the church of Raymond as an institution had never really done anything to make the Rectangle any less a stronghold of the devil as the years went by.

Into this heart of the coarse part of the sin of Raymond the traveling evangelist and his brave little wife had pitched a good sized tent and begun meetings. It was the spring of the year, and the evenings were beginning to be pleasant. The evangelists had asked for the help of Christian people and had received more than the usual amount of encouragement, but they felt a great need of more and better music. During the meetings on the Sunday just gone the assistant at the organ had been taken ill. The volunteers from the city were few and the voices of ordinary quality.

"There will be a small meeting tonight, John," said his wife as they entered the tent a little after 7 o'clock and began to arrange the chairs and light up.

"Yes; I think so." Mr. Gray was a small, energetic man, with a pleasant voice and the courage of a highborn fighter. He had already made friends in the neighborhood, and one of his converts, a heavy faced man, who had just come in, began to help in the arrangement of the seats.

It was after 8 o'clock when Alexander Powers opened the door of his office and started to go home. He was going to take a car at the corner of the Rectangle, but as he neared it he was aroused by a voice coming from the tent.

It was the voice of Rachel Winslow. It struck through his consciousness of struggle over his own question that had sent him into the Divine presence for an answer. He had not yet reached a conclusion. He was troubled with uncertainty. His whole previous course of action as a railroad man was the poorest possible preparation for anything sacrificial, and he could not yet say what he would do in the matter.

Hark! What was she singing? How did Rachel Winslow happen to be down here? Several windows near by went up. Some men quarreling in a saloon stopped and listened. Other figures were walking rapidly in the direction of the Rectangle and the tent.

Surely Rachel Winslow never was happier in her life. She never had sung like that in the First church. It was a marvelous voice. What was it she was singing? Again Alexander Powers, superintendent of the machine shops, paused and listened.

> "Where he leads me I will follow,
> Where he leads me I will follow,
> Where he leads me I will follow.
> I'll go with him, with him all the way."

The brutal, stolid, coarse, impure life of the Rectangle stirred itself into new life as the song, as pure as the [illegible]

one stumbling hastily by Alexander Powers said in answer to a question:

"The tent's beginning to run over tonight. That's what the talent calls music, eh?"

The superintendent turned toward the tent. Then he stopped, and after a moment of indecision he went on to the corner and took the car for his home, but before he was out of the sound of Rachel's voice he knew that he had settled for himself the question of what Jesus would do.

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AWESOME TREES.

How the Giants of the Yosemite Impressed a Traveler.

We made a side trip to the big trees of the Mariposa group, which are about one hour's ride from the hotel, says a correspondent. If the smallest of these trees could be planted anywhere in Pennsylvania, the railroads would run excursion trains to it and make money. The trees in this grove are so large that it takes a good while to fully appreciate the facts about the size of the biggest of them. The "Grizzly Giant" is 34 feet through at the base and over 300 feet high. This tree would overtop the spires on the Pittsburg cathedral by about 100 feet. The trunk of this tree is 100 feet clear to the first limb, which is 20 feet in circumference. Many other trees here are nearly as large as this one, and there are 400 in the grove.

Through it several tunnels have been cut, and a four horse stage can go through these tunnels on the run and never graze a hub. You get an approach to an adequate idea of their size by walking off a hundred yards or so while the stage is standing at the foot of a tree and glancing from top to bottom, keeping the stage in mind as a means of comparison. The stage and horses look like the little tin outfit that Santa Claus brought you when you were a good little boy.

These trees are no longer to be called the largest in the world, however. A species of eucalyptus has been found in Australia as large or larger. Emerson warns us against the use of the superlative, but when you are in this region of the globe you can't get along without a liberal use of it. He himself says of Yosemite, "It is the only spot I have ever found that came up to the brag." And as I stood in the big tree grove I remembered that some one called Emerson himself "the Sequoia of the human race."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

THE CHINESE EAR CLEANER.

One of the Strange Sights to Be Seen In Manila Streets.

In this city of strange and unusual sights there is probably nothing that appears so strange at first sight to the American as the Chinese ear cleaner pursuing his calling on the street corners. The Chinaman so engaged is provided with a stool and a small bamboo case, in which are inclosed his instruments.

The Filipino is just as sure of having his ears cleaned on Sunday as an American is of having a shave, and in the by streets and alleyways they line up for all the world like a barber shop on Sunday morning, the only difference being the Chinaman can't say "next."

First of all the Chino takes a razor, which looks more like a propeller blade than anything else, and, wiping the victim's face with a wet rag, proceeds to mop the dirt therefrom. While watching this part of the proceedings I was surprised at the flexibility of the native nose as demonstrated by the skillful fingers of the operator. To windward, to leeward, on its stern, beam and bow the native's nose is rapidly twisted to avoid the aforesaid razor. Having removed the real estate from the native's face, the Chinaman turns to the more difficult task of ear cleaning. The smallest spot of dirt and the tiniest flesh worm is removed before the operation is complete, and from the "heavenly expression" one would imagine that the operation was anything but pleasant.—Manila Freedom.

"Two Politicians."

One of the first things done by a stranger visiting Albany, says the Philadelphia Call, is to pay 25 cents and put himself at the mercy of a capitol guide.

The guide makes a profound and obsequious bow, like a prestidigitator about to charm an audience, and proceeds to lift the veil which hides the mysteries of the great building.

On a recent occasion the guide led a stranger regretfully past "McGinty's" empty frame and proceeded to identify the heads of notables that decorate the stairway. He did fairly well until the stranger pointed out Shakespeare and Homer and asked who they were.

"Them," replied the guide, undaunted, "are the heads of two politicians whose names I disremember."

Newspaper Obituaries.

By this time, one would think, nearly everybody has ceased to wonder at the way in which newspapers can come out with column after column of biography the very morning after some eminent person has passed away, and it is an open secret that a carefully written "life" has been pigeonholed in the office for months—nay, years—before.

Biographies, interviews, personal paragraphs, all yield their quota to the compiling of an obituary, but in some cases the subject has the grewsome experience of being waited upon while yet living to furnish materials for the notice.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An African Pocket Handkerchief.

I must not forget one particular, unique of its kind, of the most simplified toilet of the Barotsi, the pocket handkerchief. This consists of a thin blade of iron, finely wrought, with the handle of the same material. The whole is perhaps four or five inches long by one or two inches wide, and is hung round the neck by vegetable fibers or tendons. In blowing their noses they use it as a spring with extreme dexterity, which I can say from experience is not a pleasant thing at a camp fire.—"The Kingdom of the Barotsi."

Case of Cruelty.

A little girl whose acquaintance with the zoological wonders of creation was limited was looking at one of the elephants in Lincoln park, Chicago, while on her first visit to that popular resort.

Observing that the animal stood motionless near a watering trough, she said:

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The Amber Orange originated in a cross between Early Amber and Kansas Orange. This cane was tested for five years by the Kansas state experiment station and was considered one of the best for sugar manufacture. It does not produce seed abundantly.

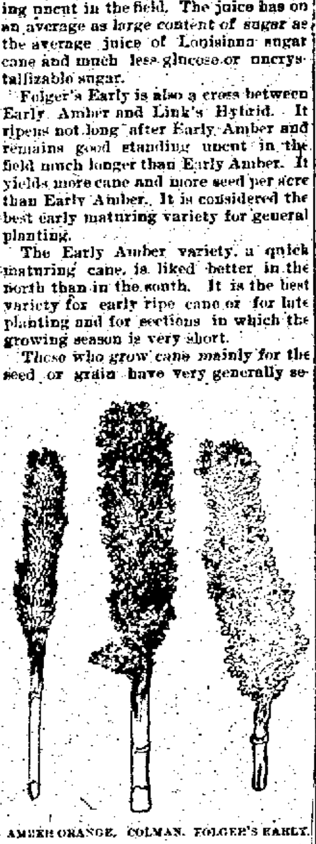
The Colman, also a cross between Early Amber and Kansas Orange, is generally preferred because it produces canes of good size, not tall, with juice of good quality.

Variety 161 originated in a cross between Early Amber and Link's Hybrid. It is slender, which is a fault derived from Link's Hybrid. It ripens rather early, much earlier than Link's Hybrid. Its juice remains good ordinarily long after the canes are ripe, though standing uncut in the field. The juice has on an average as large content of sugar as the average juice of Louisiana sugar cane and much less glucose or uncrystallizable sugar.

Folger's Early is also a cross between Early Amber and Link's Hybrid. It ripens not long after Early Amber and remains good standing uncut in the field much longer than Early Amber. It yields more cane and more seed per acre than Early Amber. It is considered the best early maturing variety for general planting.

The Early Amber variety, a quick maturing cane, is liked better in the north than in the south. It is the best variety for early ripe cane or for late planting and for sections in which the growing season is very short.

Those who grow cane mainly for the seed or grain have very generally selected Kaffir corn, a nonsaccharine variety of sorghum, as being the best for their purpose. The Dwarf and the Standard varieties of broom corn, also nonsaccharine varieties of sorghum, have been selected by manufacturers of brooms as being decidedly superior to all others for their purpose. Those who grow sorghum for forage, for "stover" or "roughness" and also those who grow sorghum for sirup manufacture have not yet learned which kinds of sorghum are superior for their purpose.



AMBER ORANGE. COLMAN. FOLGER'S EARLY.

Hiving Swarms on Hot Days.

When hiving swarms on hot days, if the bees cluster on the front of the hive and hesitate to go in, do not hurry them too much. They are excited and hot and want plenty of air. Raise up the front of the hive an inch or two and shade them with a board, and when they get cooled off they will go in. Always make it comfortable for swarms. It is the only holiday they take during the entire year, says New England Homestead.

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of Hugh J. Grant, ex-mayor of New York and Ulysses S. Grant, Jr. It is not a bit odd that they started race [illegible] after they had cut their wisdom teeth, after Hugh was shorn, [illegible] said as they strolled down Broadway:

"Hugh, why is it you are so modest?"

With a sly twinkle, the future mayor replied:

"Modesty doesn't do a man any harm in politics."

Hugh Grant may have an "easy" look about his face, but he can hold his own with the shrewdest. Naturally warm hearted, he is as cold at business as Russell Sage. At poker he is recognized as past master. I have yet to see the man who can outhold him, lay 'em down quicker when he's beat, bet 'em harder when he's got 'em, and gather in the pot with a more regretful air. His skin being clear and his blood clean, he can blush like a sensitive girl still tied to mother's apron strings. But, brethren, don't let that blush fool you.

Rose Water and Rain.

Flowers know the difference between a rainstorm and a drenching from the garden hose. You may deluge them with barrels from the hydrant, and they will at best simply hold their own. Generally they wither in the long, dry seasons and that without regard to the artificial wetting they may receive from the gardeners. But let a little shower, however brief, fall upon them, and they brighten visibly.

The difference is that the rain brings down with it through the air or collects in the air a chemical quality that the vegetation needs. The rainwater may be as like that in the lake as two volumes of water can be, but when it has ridden the upper levels of the atmosphere, when it has traveled through the various stages of vapor and liquid and has tumbled down through that retort of the air, it has become charged with elements that no man can give it, and the flower knows and recognizes it, as the first field flowers recognize it in the beginning.

A Fighting Swan.

That a swan will fight fiercely was shown by an exciting struggle between a swan and a park policeman on the upper lake in Waterlow park, England. Some India rubber balls had rolled into the water, and to get them the constable paddled out in a punt. This drew the notice of the male swan, which deserted its consort and the brood of cygnet and went for the constable with great fury. Once or twice it almost upset the punt by causing the constable to overbalance it in saving his legs from the bird's beak. It was only with difficulty and risk that the balls were recovered. The swan then followed the punt to the bank, making vicious darts at the constable.

A Fallacy About Cheese.

"Cheese," said some wiseacre long ago, "digests everything but itself." Never was there a greater error perpetuated by a popular proverb. It aids in the digestion of nothing, and, being almost totally indigestible, simply adds another burden to an already over burdened digestive system. The feeling of comfort produced in a person of robust digestive faculties by partaking of a little—a very little—cheese is due entirely to the excitation of the flow of digestive fluid provoked by the ingestion of a completely indigestible substance.—National Druggist.

Strange Things In Nova Scotia.

It was here I met a woman who had never seen a peach, a young lady who had never owned a box of chocolates and, best of all, a handsome, intelligent young fellow who had never seen a drunken man. It was here I attended a concert consisting of songs, recitations, organ solos and a duet, all furnished by one woman. The duet, she announced, was between herself and the organ, the organ taking the soprano and she the alto.—Bay of Fundy Letter in New York Post.

A Sure Thing.

Biggs—On my last trip to Europe I lost $200 betting on the ship's daily run.

Boggs—You must have been very unlucky.

Biggs—Yes; I found out afterward that I had been betting with the chief engineer.—New York Journal.

Inconsistency.

Every redheaded boy is called "reddy." Why aren't redheaded girls called something? Washington Democrat.

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Sold Human Bones.

The keeper of the public cemetery of a small Bohemian town near Prague excavated the older parts of the graveyard, and sold all the old bones he could find for industrial purposes, as he found that certain manufacturers paid more for human bones than for those of animals.

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Too Often True.

"It requires 40 horses to pull family vanity at a funeral and only two to pull the corpse."—Catholic Universe.

TWO MISTAKES.

There are two mistakes that people with weak lungs are liable to make; and both are about equally bad: One is to not give attention quickly enough to the little coughs and bronchial troubles which so rapidly undermine the delicate lung tissue and plunge you into consumption almost before you are aware of it; the other is when the trouble is at last discovered and fully realized to give up hope too soon.

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No.	EAST'W'D.		STATIONS.	WESTW'D		
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Ar. Dp.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8 4[illegible]	7.18	2.70	Ulysses	7.32	2.30	10.05
8 27	12.10	1.69	Lymansville	7.41	12.39	10.16
8 25	o	1.56	Carpenter	o	12.11	[illegible]
8 19	o	1.53	Perkins	o	12.41	10.21
8.15	7.53	1.50	N'wf'ld Junct'n	7.47	2.46	10.25
o	o	1.45	Newfield	7.51	2.50	10.30
o	6.51	1.41	Gold	7.55	2.51	10.35
o	6.40	1.35	Raymond	7.59	2.40	10.40
o	6.30	1.26	Seven Bridg's	8.11	1.14	10.75
o	6.36	1.21	Colesburg	8.14	3.14	11.00
o	6.20	1.14	Frink's	8.22	1.22	11.10
o	o	1.05	Nor C'port	o	3.31	11.20
o	6.15	1.00	Dp.	8.38	3.36	11.26
P.M.	P.M.		Coudersport			11.50
4.20	7.37	12.53	Ar. Dp.	8.41	3.40	1.10
o	o	12.49	Hammond	o	o	o
4.05	7.25	12.44	Olmsted	8.48	4.06	1.27
3.59	7.16	12.40	Mina	8.50	4.10	1.31
3.45	o	12.27	Knowlton	o	4.18	o
3.40	7.06	12.20	Roulette	9.00	4.21	1.45
3.30	7.29	12.22	Lymans	9.06	4.30	1.55
3.20	o	12.16	Coleman	o	4.35	o
3.20	o	o	Chemical Works	o	o	o
3.15	1.18	12.10	Port Allegany	9.21	4.40	2.25
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

† Flag Station. o Trains do not stop. ‡ Telegraph Station.

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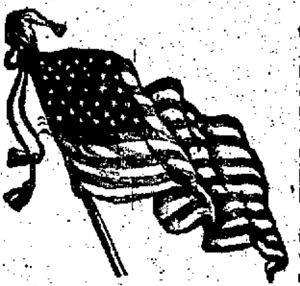

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Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible]
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*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] at Olean with River Division for [illegible] Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

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Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday [illegible]
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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE, In effect May 21, 1899.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

4:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:13 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m. week days ([illegible] a. m. Sundays); Baltimore 6:25 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:04 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6:15 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5:55 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium [illegible] 5:10 a. m. weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:55 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:25 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:30 a. m., with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport on Sundays only; Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:40 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:55 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 4:25 p. m., with Pullman parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phil'a to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH.	STATIONS.	SOUTH.
A. M. Lv.		Ar. A. M.
9.40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9.56	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
9.16	Bendigo	[illegible]
9.11	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10.0[illegible]	Straight	[illegible]
10.25	Instanter	[illegible]
10.31	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10.39	Vineyale	[illegible]
10.45	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		

Connections are made with train 3, for Johnsonburg at 11:35 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:[illegible] and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 7:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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4:25 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

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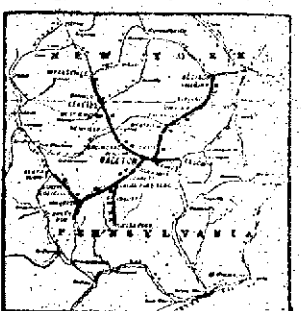

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD

Condensed time table in effect July 24 [illegible]

Read up.				Read down.	
A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
8.55	7.58	12.25	ar Keating S'l lv	12.00	[illegible]
8.40	7.09	12.00	Austin	6.40	[illegible]
	7.01	11.53	Costello	6.56	[illegible]
	6.51	11.42	Wharton	7.05	[illegible]
	6.03	10.56	Cross Fork Jct	7.47	[illegible]
	5.51	10.37	Corbett	8.04	[illegible]
	5.27	10.26	Germania	8.25	[illegible]
	5.20	10.15 lv	Galeton ar	8.31	
P.M.	A.M.				
7.00	1.00	10.02 ar	Galeton lv	8.38	[illegible]
6.47	12.47	9.54	Gaines Junc	8.50	[illegible]
6.31	12.31	8.36	Westfield	9.33	[illegible]
5.55	11.55	8.06	Knoxville	9.47	[illegible]
5.46	11.46	7.57	Osceola	9.58	[illegible]
5.41	11.41	7.46	Elkland	10.03	[illegible]
5.40	11.40	7.35 lv	Addison ar	10.31	[illegible]
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	6.20	12.10 ar	Galeton lv	6.30	[illegible]
	5.01	9.51	Walton	6.47	[illegible]
	4.51	9.37	Newfield Jct.	7.13	[illegible]
	4.30	9.00	West Bingham	7.30	[illegible]
	4.03	8.58	Genesee	7.40	[illegible]
	4.03	8.53	Shongo	7.46	[illegible]
	3.40	8.30 lv	Wellsville ar	8.00	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
2.3[illegible]	8.55	10.12 ar	Galeton lv	8.35	[illegible]
2.20	8.43	10.01	Gaines June	8.47	[illegible]
2.00	8.20	9.42 lv	Ansonia ar	9.22	[illegible]
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	2.00	7.30 ar	Cross Fork J'c lv	11.00	6.00
	1.00	6.30 lv	Cross Fork ar	12.00	7.00

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To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, [illegible] 9, 1897.

South		Stations		North
2.27		Clermont		[illegible]
2.24		Chatham		[illegible]
2.59		Wildwood		[illegible]
3.01		North Fork		[illegible]
3.11		Key Fork		[illegible]
3.14		Gray Gables		[illegible]
3.20 Ar.	7.30 Lv.	St. Marys	Lv. Ar.	[illegible]
3.25	7.35	Kaul		[illegible]
3.32	7.51	Daneh		[illegible]
3.38	7.56	Groll		[illegible]
3.46	8.06	Gilleu		[illegible]
3.50	8.10	Paine		[illegible]
3.55	8.15	Centreville		[illegible]
4.14	8.20	Dagus Crossing		[illegible]
4.21	8.30	Shelvey Summit		[illegible]
4.30	8.36	Copen		[illegible]
4.35	8.40	Thompson		[illegible]
4.39	8.43	Curry		[illegible]
4.44	8.49	Brandy Camp		[illegible]
4.46	8.49	Elbon		[illegible]
4.50	8.55	Ryde		[illegible]
5.10	9.10	Shawmut		[illegible]
P.M.	A.M.			

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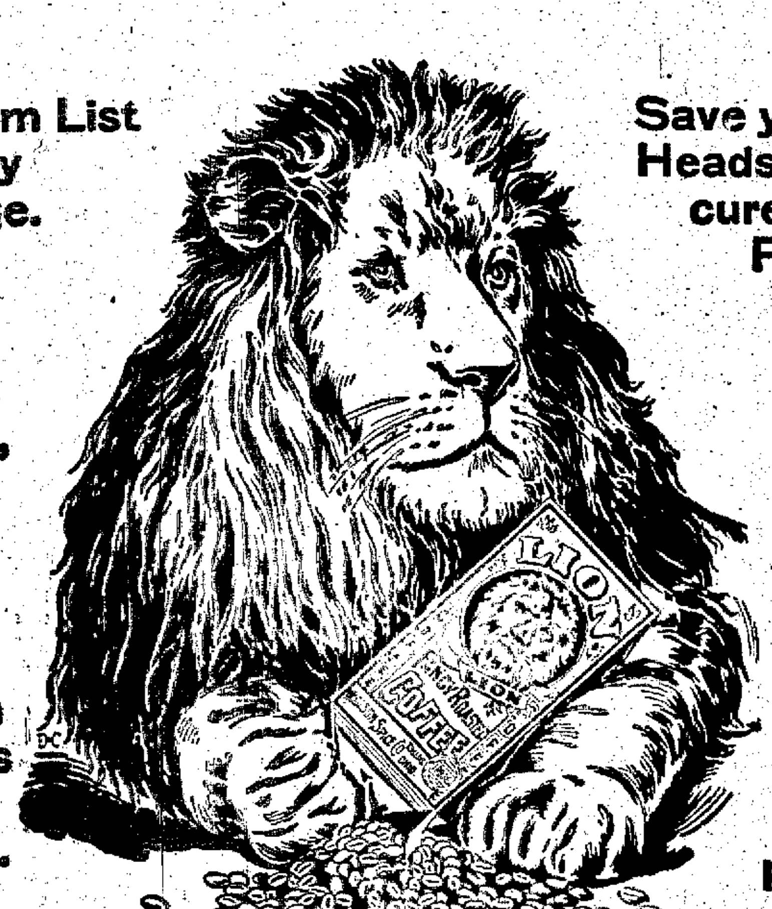

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